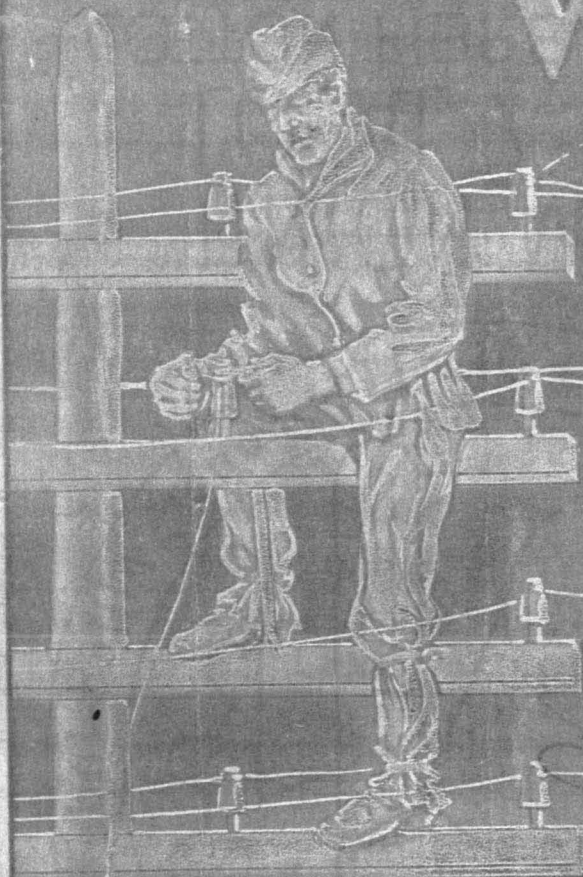
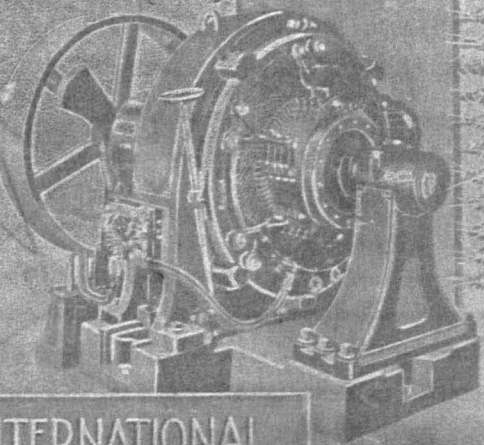


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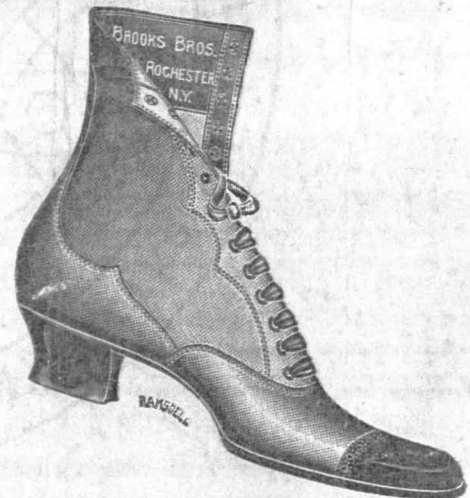
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Which Shall it Be?

We are bound to have either an industrial monarchy or an industrial democracy. It will be trust ownership of the people or ownership of trusts by the people. And it doesn't make any difference what ticket you have been voting, you are going to work in a factory for a trust, till the soil for railroads, elevator combines and hairy-palmed grain speculators, or suffered to do a little retail business by the trusts, or else join in an effort to have the people control all natural and artificial monopolies. Ridicule the statement all you please, you who may be the owner of a farm and considered the most independent man in the bunch, yet you know that to-morrow the railroads, elevator companies and grain speculators can cut the value of the products of your farm right in two, and the lumber, iron, implement and provision trusts can greatly increase your annual expense account. You know that you cannot control the price of a single thing you buy or sell — except the purchase of postage stamps — that the law of supply and demand is no longer anything but a football for men who can corner everything on earth but air and sunshine. Yes, go on and discuss tariff and free trade, talk finance until you are black in the face, shout for "Old Glory" and lambast the heathen, preach prohibition and damn the unions — but when you have time ask yourself who at present is running your business and about everything else in this country. Is it you and similar "patriots," or Wall street? Do not the men with the most money dominate everything in this country — churches, schools, business, politics, and government, from president down to your ward and township representatives? One political party is as good as another

that lets money rule it, and any party is just as good as are the members thereof. — Galesburg Labor News.

A Spotter Spotted.

Excitement such as no previous convention of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen has produced marked the session at the West Side Turner Hall yesterday afternoon. For the first time in the history of the brotherhood a "spotter" was exposed in a session of the delegates. The man had been caught red-handed, and now his features are so familiar to every delegate, to representatives of every railroad system in the country from Halifax to San Francisco that his usefulness in his peculiar method of earning a livelihood is gone. The victim is a man sailing under the name of Campbell. For years he has been in railway work, North, South, East and West, and he has succeeded in gaining admission to the ranks of more than one of the railway organizations. It is said that wherever he has gone dismissals have followed, as the acts, talk, and even the thoughts of the men have reached the officials of the roads. For years trainmen and other railroad employees have been after him, and they now claim to have documentary evidence to prove beyond doubt the nature of his occupation. This evidence is so good that when it was shown to the victim yesterday he saw it was needless to deny his guilt.

In some manner Campbell was induced to attend the convention session yesterday, but upon entering the West Side Turner Hall he was soon convinced that his proper place was on the platform, and there he was taken and his face shown to every delegate, and a camera shot of his features taken for future reference and general distribution. There was not a man present

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who will ever forget him, and the thousands who know him but are at their work in all sections of the country will hereafter have their eyes out for him.

Campbell escaped from the hall without feeling the quality of the muscle which the railway men develop in their work, but that was merely because some of the more conservative heads extended their protection to him. When his guilt was proven there was instantly a clamor, and a number of delegates wanted to get at him, but four large men surrounded him, and with other brawny railroad men as an escort, he was led from the hall and told to make himself scarce. This, it is reported he failed to do, and last night, when still within the city limits, he met some of those who had respected the sanctity of the convention hall, and got such treatment as will make the 1901 convention in Milwaukee dwell long in his memory.

The "spotter" is believed to be the representative of a well-known detective agency. He is a man of medium size and is credited with nerve worthy of a better cause, still the position he was placed in yesterday was such a one as made him quail: Grand Master Morrissy, when asked to-day to tell the circumstances of his presence in the convention hall yesterday, declined, but it is understood that the developments were such as no delegate would have missed for ten years of his life.—Milwaukee Journal.

To My Nephews.

Philadelphia, July 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I have been asked by several members of our organization to write a letter to the Worker. Sometimes I cannot imagine why this is asked unless it is to expose my ignorance, and whether it is or not I will have done with it in these few lines.

I am now in the City of Brotherly Love and shall continue by giving a slight report on the celebration of the glorious Fourth as carried out by electrical workers in Philadelphia, and which was attended by so much bad luck. To begin a picnic with an electrical storm intermingled with wind and rain would discourage the stoutest hearts, and that is what we had to contend with. But I can safely say that if it had

not rained Bro. Lee would have been under the sod. Bro. Lee climbed to the top of the 60-ft. contest pole, and when about 45 feet from the ground on his way back he slipped and fell, and only for the rain softening the ground he would never have lived to tell the tale. As it is, he is now in the hospital, and from the last report will pull through O. K. We hope so, anyhow.

Bro. Kellar and the committee deserve great credit for their noble work in making the picnic a success, considering the troubles they had, and I am sure No. 21 appreciates it.

I see by last month's Worker that Bro. Caldwell, late of No. 21, now general organizer for the A. F. of L., says that the negro makes the best union man of the two. As he does not say which two, I presume he means the negro and the white man. However true this may be in some cases, I cannot agree with the brother as regards electrical workers, for I know of a negro electrical workers' union whose members are now working for \$1.50 to \$2 per day against the white man's union, whose scale is \$2.00 and \$2.50 per day, and knowing this I shall continue to ladle out objections to his being a union man at so much per ladle, and I think No. 80 will furnish me with a galvanized spoon, so it won't wear out very quickly.

As I now think congratulations are in order I will begin by offering No. 39 the glad hand for the noble way she has unearthed the dirty work going on in her city with reference to the Manufacturers' Information Bureau. I want to congratulate Bro. W. R. Johnson on his new job. Wish you better luck than I had, old man. And also Bro Skates, with the Georgia.

Brothers, here's luck to all the boys in the South of the following locals: Nos. 84, 85, 88, 136, 131, also 27 and 21, and last, but not least, to No. 80. I can only say that I don't know when I may strike your town again, but I know when I do I will find as good a lot of boys as I have ever been up against. May you live long and prosper. And I forgot No. 165, but it is better late than never. I don't know where I am going from here, but I think I will find the way.

Mr. Editor, I have enclosed a rough drawing which I think would suit the front

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page of the Worker better than the one now used, but if you think otherwise, why, you know what to do with it.

Hello, Alley and Scharfner, up in Charlestown, I may see you this winter, and Bro. Von Sick, how are you? I see you have done great work for our order. Look for me any time, old man.

Charley and Henry Hatt, howdy? I am still speaking the language of my tribe and may have a pow wow with you before the Southern season opens. But this thing is getting too long, so with best wishes to the man behind the pike, I am Buffalo bound.

J. W. EVANS
(Uncle Charley).

From Old Crip.

Denton, Tex., July 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It's really too hot to write, but will send in a few words to let the brothers know that I am yet extant and trying to be cheerful. Am still trying to take my treatment, but the extremely warm weather is causing me much suffering, and retarding my treatment considerably. The strike seems to continue as usual, but from the reports I hear the brothers are "staying," and gradually and surely gaining ground. I wish I could be of some service to help them to win, but if hoping will help them, indeed I can help, for I am earnestly hoping and listening daily to hear the shout of victory.

What's wrong with the transmitter of Local 156? Say, Richerson, Crabtree, Stevens and Wade, why can't you fellows patch up that old machine and send in a few words occasionally?

To the locals in Texas to whom I sent some of my books prior to the strike, I want to say to you, use the proceeds of the sale of books for the benefit of the striking boys and girls of Texas, and in that way I can perhaps help you a little in your struggle for justice.

I wrote to Bro. Wright of Local 60, in regard to the matter, and shall write to the others also.

Since my last report I have received:

From Local 57, Salt Lake City, for books, the sum of \$12.

From Local 70, Cripple Creek, Col., \$1.

The members everywhere who have read my little book still continue to speak words

of praise for it, and for which I am most grateful.

Hoping the striking brothers in Boston, Texas and elsewhere will soon triumph, I am,

Gratefully and fraternally,
ROBERT G. WRIGHT.

STRIKE ENDED.

Linemen Out Since March 27th, Settle with Bell Company.

The striking linemen of the Bell Telephone Company at Wheeling, W. Va., settled their differences with the company and the strike has been officially declared off by the executive committee of Local 142. At a conference of the members of the local union and officials of the company they succeeded in coming to a satisfactory agreement. By the terms of the settlement the men are to be paid five cents a day more than other linemen and an advance of 15 cents a day over former wages. They will get \$2.55 and a nine-hour day. All old men who wish to can return to work and there will be no discrimination against the union men. The men who took the strikers' places, it is said, will be transferred to some other point. The men who have been on strike since the 27th day of March, when the trouble began, resumed work to-day.

We are pleased to note this settlement and hope when the rats are sent to other places they will be looked after.

Pertinent Queries.

Why is it that we meet so few brothers wearing emblematic buttons? I have no recollection of seeing a button on a single traveling member during the past year. Numerous Eastern locals are buying buttons, according to Bro. Sherman's statement, so why is it that the idea does not appeal to us Western men as well? Are we not as progressive in unionism, or are we a little slow in catching on? It may be that if buttons could be purchased without going through the process of buying a money order and sending for them that more of the brothers would have one. It seems to me that every craftsman should have some small emblem to show his occupation, and the possession of as neat an emblematic button as we have should be a matter of pride to every electrical worker.

B. B. FLACK, Local 121.

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Grand Secretary's Report for June.						78	\$ 5.00			\$ 5.00
No.	P. C.	Init.	Sup.	But.	Total.	79	15.40	6.00		21.40
2	\$46.40	\$8.00	\$3.75		\$58.15	81	18.20	15.00		33.20
3	116.55	14.00			130.55	83	5.60	4.00		9.60
4	6.20	6.00			12.20	87	12.40	4.00	1.50	17.90
9	50.40	14.00		\$1.00	65.40	89	7.00	4.00	1.00 6.00	18.00
10	30.40	2.00	5.00		37.40	91	10.20	12.00	4.50	26.70
11	5.60				5.60	92	6.40	4.00	3.80	14.20
14	27.00	30.00			57.00	93			1.00	1.00
15	11.20	6.00			17.20	96	14.80	4.00		18.80
17	48.80	26.00		1.00	75.80	97	3.20	9.00	.50	12.70
18	17.00				17.00	99	7.00	60.00	8.50	75.50
19	8.40				8.40	101			1.50	1.50
20	39.40	4.00	5.00		48.40	102	7.60	4.00		11.60
21	28.60	22.00			50.60	103	16.40	26.00	1.50 .50	44.40
22	7.60	4.00			11.60	105	5.20	1.00		6.20
23	20.00	33.00			53.00	107			.25	.25
24	66.60	8.00			74.60	109	28.40	31.00	12.75	72.15
25	9.60	4.00	2.00		15.60	110	4.40			4.40
26	24.80				24.80	111	3.00	4.00	8.00 7.00	22.00
28	7.20				7.20	113	15.40	12.00	1.00	28.40
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36	8.60	3.00			11.60	122	11.80	8.00		19.80
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41	46.60	24.00	3.50		74.10	131	5.80			5.80
42	14.40		1.00		15.40	132		5.00	9.25	14.25
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44	32.60	6.00			38.60	136	4.80	6.00	.50	11.30
45	29.60	18.00			47.60	138	5.60			5.60
46	1.60	10.00			11.60	140		7.00		7.00
48	7.80		.26		8.06	142	9.60	16.00	2.00	27.60
50	4.80	2.00			6.80	144	10.60	16.00	1.00	27.60
53	1.40				1.40	145	4.00	2.00		6.00
56	11.80	6.00		7.00	24.80	147	5.00		2.25	7.25
58	34.60	30.00			64.60	148	6.40	4.00		10.40
61	13.40	4.00	2.75		20.15	149			2.25	2.25
62	10.80	8.00			18.80	150	7.00	4.00		11.00
63	1.80	2.00	1.00	1.00	5.80	151	21.40	4.00		25.40
65	13.60	6.00			19.60	152	6.20	4.00	.50	10.70
67	8.00				8.00	153	5.60		1.75	7.35
68	6.80	4.00			10.80	154	3.20	4.00		7.20
69	4.80	2.00			6.80	155			8.25 .50	8.75
70	13.60	12.00		1.50	27.10	159	3.20			3.20
71	2.00		.75	1.00	3.75	160	4.40	2.00	2.50	8.90
72	5.00		1.50		6.50	161			5.75	5.75
74	6.60				6.60	162	9.20	6.00	1.00	16.20
75	15.20	16.00	1.00		32.20	163			.25	.25
77	33.20	16.00	3.00	12.00	64.20	165			1.00	1.00
						172	3.20	3.00		6.20

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173	\$3.40	\$2.00	\$.50	\$ 5.90
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185		1.00	9.25	10.25
186		7.00		7.00
187		7.00	10.75	17.75
188		12.00	4.00	16.00
189		10.00		10.00

\$1377.15	\$774.00	\$174.65	\$57.00	\$2382.80
Dues from members of lapsed				
L. Us.				2.50
Buttons not sold through L. U.				4.50
Adv. in Electrical Worker				91.50
				\$2481.30

Expenses for June.

Postage	\$ 17 98
Telegrams	3 42
Express	19 23
Exchange	2 75
Thos. Wheeler, general exp.	175 08
Scrantom, Wetmore & Co., office supplies	5 36
E. Barnes, paper	1 25
Refunded to Jacksonville, Fla.	25 00
D. Boismier, org. 155, Oklahoma	15 00
J. P. Kelsch, org. 187, Oshkosh, Wis.	2 00
F. J. Roth, exp. Kansas City strike	20 00
W. G. Spinning, ptg. E. W. and cut	559 00
" " " G. O. sup.	10 15
" " " L. U. "	87 50
Mailing Worker	21 40
Cartage	1 50
Death Claim 133, J. Dickman	100 00
F. Morrison, asst. A. F. of L. for machinists' strike	350 00
W. W. Powers, rent June	12 50
H. W. Sherman, salary	100 00
M. K. Clinton	40 00
M. E. Whiting	20 00
Julia Schlegel	20 00
J. R. Bourne, seals	14 00

\$1623 12

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received in June	\$2481 30
Expenses for June	1623 12
Turned over to Treasurer	\$ 858 18

Grand Treasurer's Report.

New Britain, Conn., July 9, 1901.

H. W. Sherman:

New York draft No. 170, for \$858.18, surplus for month of June, at hand, making the total amount in the hands of grand treasurer on deposit in Hartford Trust Co. Bank \$4,781.88.

I enclose receipt, duly signed, for draft No. 170. The only report I can submit as grand treasurer is as above. The full amount came to me in three installments, and recorded as follows:

May deposit	\$3,141 35
June "	728 35
July "	858 18
Total	\$4,781 88

Fraternally,

F. J. SHEEHAN.

From Our Grand President.

Evansville, Ind., July 8, 1901.

To the Brotherhood:

I think my last report was from Minneapolis. Well, since then I have been in Pittsburg, Wheeling and am now in Evansville, Ind. While in Pittsburg I reinstated No. 50. The trouble in Wheeling, where there was a strike against the Bell, has been settled satisfactory to all. In this city there is a little trouble that will be settled without a doubt. I am so crippled up with rheumatism that I can hardly hold the pen on account of stiffness in my finger joints, you will therefore excuse this short report.

If this keeps on much longer I shall soon be a side partner with you, Old Crip. Expect to leave Wednesday for Atlanta, Ga.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. WHEELER.

At Home Anywhere.

Lima, Ohio, July 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Every local ought to have a few lines in the Worker every month. The press secretaries don't seem to realize the importance of the office, for everybody wants to hear from everywhere.

I landed in this city a few days ago with a good bunch of boys to rebuild the telegraph and found a good-sized bunch permanently located here. We will be able

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to help boom No. 32 some. Would like to hear of No. 48 being on the boom.

Hello Nos. 80 and 88!

I see that nearly all the boys of No. 60 are doubling up except Frank Snyder. Frank always was bashful. Girls, you will have to just take charge of him; he don't mean anything by it. Jack Olmstead will beat you yet, Frank; you are getting old. Hello, Jack!

The bum killer's man Friday made a billiard off this town the other day, Ace Dodge.

I made a visit to 39, which is a prosperous looking outfit and has a very fine bunch of men. The business agent, Huckleberry Hicks, tackled me before I got off the train and searched me. Other travelers take warning.

It is time now to take up such subjects and discuss them thoroughly as you wish to bring before the convention. The time now will be short. In the June Worker you will see a piece written by Local No. 26. The last verse is what I refer to; read it, think it over and keep the change.

C. H. HATT.

"MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA."

Rome, Ga., July 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I passed through Montgomery, Ala., last month with the long-wire people, and I found lots of trouble in that place, plenty of crosses, short circuits and several grounds. The boys were all out in the rain and did not know enough to get out of the wet, so I got the bunch together and got them a charter, so now they are out of trouble and in the sunshine with the rest of the boys, and they say they are all O. K. The boys are full of ginger in Montgomery and will take good care of their charter, as they are all good union men, with plenty of work for this year. The Bell Telephone Company is going underground and a new street car company going to build there also, so there will be lots of work.

Linemen are wanted in all parts of the South, and the best part of the show is they must have a ticket with most of the companies or keep on down the pike, and this pike will soon come to an end, and when this pike does come to an end we

will have all kinds of stories. But it will be too late then because they ran their race and lost, so if any of you fixers that are O. K. want to come across while you have time you had better do so at once, as the time is coming when you have got to have a ticket to come back on the pike. You have almost come to the end of it, so take good advice and get your ticket in time, because the Brotherhood has been bled too often to take any more hard-luck stories about your having a wife and ten little children to take care of. So no more hot air. You must come across with the proper goods if you want to get out of the rain. The last train leaves shortly, so get aboard.

Bro. George Edwards, of Atlanta, is here in Rome with the long-wire people. They are going to build a new line from here to Chattanooga, Tenn., and the boys all have tickets. The Long Distance Telephone Co. is stringing wire all through this part of the country and all of the companies are wanting men.

Well, Bro. Joe the Splicer, what is the matter with you? You don't write. You owe about four. Miss Jennie's biscuits are O. K., but Ford put her out of business.

A few words about Mr. Burrhead. One of the brothers, a foreman working in the South, had a burrhead lineman sent to him to work in his gang and the boys would not work with him. Good luck to you, boys, for that. Turn the coon down every chance you get. So the foreman went to the foreman of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. and told him he had a colored lineman, and a first-class man, too, but he was black and his men would not work with him, and he wanted the Bell man to work him in his gang, but it was no go with the Bell foreman. There is only one company in Montgomery working burrheads and that is the Light Co., and the boys are trying to make that a white job. Now, brother, I don't think it was a very good thing for you to do, so please don't try it again. Send them back to where they came from. The sooner we get the coon out of line work the sooner the boys in the South will get a day's pay for a day's work.

Hoping this will not get short-circuited, I am,

Yours respectfully,

H. C. RAWLINGS.

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"Down On the Farm."

Swantown, July 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I don't reckon it's any use saying I thought I'd write to the Worker, etc., cause I calculate you'll get this and know I've been sending in a few words from down on the farm. You see Slim St. Clair and Old Jack Polling are after buying a farm down here in Happy Hollow, and as Jim Burgess is running a farm, I 'lowed I'd try it again. The first thing I found 'twould haf to be done was to trim the trees, so I got Anny Ramell to help me. I just swopped work with him. I reckon I'll have to help him back 'long about potato digging time, but I don't care; I've got a barn full of hay and a bank full of sand and forty-seven akers of darn good land, and I am going to have a telfoan in my house. You see, some on us got together and we're putting on us up a line of our own. E. E. Eckles, Hiram Doolittle, Ed Gilmore, Gleason & Gector's cheese factory, Gabe Maloy's creamery, Bob Milton's electrick light sta., Rastus Rromenscheckel and Pete Jacobs and I are on the line together. 'Spect it'll be all right, only I reckon there'll be some rubbering, specially when Jacobs calls up the cheese factory.

I've ben looked to to put up the poles and wires, so I got an Italian, a Canadian, a Sweed and an Irishman, who told me they were linesmans, and I have started.

I reckon it'll take a right smart of a while to get 'er going all right, but think I can make 'er all right, cause I took a little spurt around last spring and kept my eye out long on such things as wires, wirefixers, poles and poleocks, and I don't see as there is much about it but what I know. I went all over Missouri and I saw some fine wirers in Slator and some course ones in St. Louis. I stopped a few days over in Black Hann; that's a great manufacturing town. I saw lots of linemen there. I went around by Chicago to see that bridge that goes up in the air whenever it sees a boat coming. I met a good plenty of them wire fellows there. I saw Henry Hatt and he told me all about his brother Charley and how they cum over on the Mayflower and built a line from Waupauckanata to Black Hann for the Western Union and celebrated the Fourth of July in 1771. I stopped

a pair of minutes in Cleveland, O., and went up to 83 Prospect street and saw H. Homer Hamilton Hicks, who is agent ther for the 30th linemen's town, and is mane aged by Mack Wilson Macentire and McGinty. My train stopped in Erie for water, and as I was dry I stopped too.

I got there just as Bones Kennedy was sowing Pete Jacobs' oats. I stayed a few days as Jim Kelly was late with his work and had a corn-planting bee, and wanted all the skilled labor he could get. I was surprised to find out that Willie Brown had sold his garbage wagon to Lize Fuller and that Jim Reed had resigned as candidate for the convention.

Well, I got back home just afore haying, and here I am, and I guess I got more hay down than I can cock up and look after this telfoan wire. But I guess if the flies don't bother my wheat I'll be all right in the spring unless I get a hard fall.

I am yours as B 4, RUBEN

KNOWS A GOOD THING.

Colorado Millionaire Applies for Card in Carpenters' Union.

Winfield Scott Stratton, who has reinvested \$10,000,000 in buying and developing Cripple Creek mines, has applied for membership in the carpenters' union of Colorado Springs.

"I was a humble carpenter myself once," he said in explanation, "and know what it is to work for a dollar a day, and oftentimes couldn't get that. Unions are elevating; they increase the self-respect of labor, compel the respect of employers and enable the union man to get wages that will educate his children and fit them for higher and more remunerative walks of life.

"I am spending \$50,000 a month developing mining property, from which I will not take out a cent in ore until the full value of the territory is known, and every cent of that money goes to union labor.

"I am paying \$3 to \$5 a day when I could hire men for half that price, but it would not be profitable nor right for a former working man to take advantage of the necessities of his fellow-men."

We clip this from an exchange as we could not resist letting our readers see there are some men of wealth who place

the man above the dollar. That part of the clipping where Mr. Stratton says he is paying \$3 to \$5 a day is commendable, to say the least. Most men who spring from labor's ranks are the worst bosses we have known—men who always kicked the hardest about hours and wages when members of a labor organization, when they succeed in getting into business for themselves, make the hardest task-masters. When they worked for a boss they could not do enough to keep them warm in August, and when anything was said to them they would feel offended; but when a chance comes for them to make a dollar it is so different. They "never could see any good in a trades union." We again say we are highly pleased to read of one man from labor's ranks who honors and respects trades unions.

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY.

He was walking up town, it was on Saturday night
That the union met, and he said 'twas not right
To compel a poor man who is working his best
To pay so much dues—as he stopped for a rest.

He walked into a saloon and ordered a beer,
Which was placed on a table; then drew up a chair
And commenced to reason about in this way:
A man can't stand it on three dollars a day.
He drank up his beer and ordered another,
And just at that time in came a brother;
He asked him to take one and was glad that they met;
Besides, it is too early for the meeting just yet.

"I want to ask you a question about paying our dues.
Don't you think them too heavy? Don't you think we're abused?"
"Well, I'll tell you, my brother, the reason and why.
First, let's have two beers, for I'm getting quite dry."

And the brother continued in about this way:

"When a man has got groceries and house rent to pay,
And has to buy clothing, school books and shoes,
There isn't much left for the payment of dues."

So they sat and they talked 'til 'twas much after ten,
And too late to go to the meeting. Just then

Two more beers and a deck of cards to play

Was called, to pass the time away.

So they played and they drank 'til it was twelve or more,

And the landlord said he must close the door;

Said one dollar and fifty cents must be paid,
Which was quietly done and not a word said.

And they staggered home their wives to berate,

Complained the union kept them out late,
For taxes and dues had paid quite an amount,

And said that the union was not much account.

FANNY DEFRATES,
Springfield, Ill.

In Memoriam.

The following resolutions were adopted at a regular meeting of L. U. 41 on the death of our worthy brother Thomas J. McDougall:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from our midst our esteemed brother Thomas J. McDougall, and

Whereas, In life he possessed a character above reproach, loving and obedient to his parents, and during the short period of his membership in this local union he endeared himself in the hearts of all brothers; therefore be it

Resolved, That we tender his family our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for a period of thirty days as a token of respect for our esteemed brother, and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Local Union No. 41, I.B.E.W.,

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published in the Electrical Worker, and a copy be forwarded to his bereaved family.

G. C. KING,
CHAS. E. TAYLOR,
H. M. SCOTT,
Committee.

The following resolutions were adopted by Local Union No. 24:

Whereas, In the divine wisdom of the Ruler of the Universe, it has pleased Him to summon into His presence our friend and brother David Hawley, and

Whereas, In life he was possessed of a noble character, at all times upright and honest, and in consideration of the regard he at all times exercised toward the I. B. E. W., be it

Resolved, That we tender his afflicted wife and family our earnest sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow and affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of sixty days, these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this local, a copy of the same be forwarded to the family of our deceased brother, and also published in the official journal of the I. B. E. W.

J. J. REYNOLDS,
W. F. CARPENTEL,
AL. ORNE,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local No. 15, I. B. E. W., July 1, 1901:

Whereas, The infinite God, by His mighty will, has taken from our midst our brother and a loving father, Daniel Montague, and

Whereas, In life he was always an honest, upright and devoted brother;

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy to his sorrowing wife and children in their hour of sorrow and bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for thirty days, a copy of these resolutions be sent to his wife and also be copied and published in our official journal, the Electrical Worker.

EDWARD HILTON,
HARRY DOHRBECK,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local No. 44, of Rochester, N. Y.:

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom has removed from our presence Bro. Frank Kehoe's brother, Michael Kekoe, who was of good character and at all times was upright in his dealings and, in consideration of the hard and earnest work the deceased brother of F. M. Kehoe has done for Local 44, we tender his bereaved parents and brothers and sisters our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this local, a copy of the same be forwarded to the family of the deceased and also be published in our official organ, the Electrical Worker.

J. D. HUFF,
DAN WALTER,
W. J. CLARKE,
Committee.

A precious one from them has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in the home,
Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled
The boon his love had given,
And though the body slumbers now,
The soul is safe in heaven..

"Lost in the Jungle."

Andalusia, Ala., June 28, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, brothers, I am down in the jungles of old Alabama and haven't heard from some of the boys in quite a while, so I will write a few lines for our valuable journal if the editor will allow the space.

Hello, Red Likes and Broderick, what are you doing in S. C.? Say, what has become of Arkansas Bill and Kid Pannill? I enjoyed your letter very much.

I see the boys in Birmingham are making things pretty warm. That's right, boys, just keep pushing and you will get there all O. K.

Well, Uncle Rastus, how are you and your push getting along? Success to you, boys.

Hello, Bro. Berg, of No. 153, I have about lost track of you. I will be here about three weeks yet; then I am going to return to Texas and pay all the old boys a visit. Boys, any of you who see this in

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print, I would be glad to have a line from you and it will be appreciated and answered.

I will ring off for this time, but will try and come again. Success to the entire brotherhood.

Yours fraternally,

J. E. FRENCH.

Local No. 136.

THE LABEL.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In the June number of the Electrical Worker, in the article "From the Wilds," by J. A. Poe, I see the common fault of the laboring man.

Of course we are all after the dollar. When the electrical workers organize they expect to get better pay and shorter hours, which naturally come out of the consumer. When the shop that made Bro. Poe's overalls organized and obtained better wages, it also came out of the consumer, which in this case is the laboring man. Brothers, you cannot expect all these things to come at once and come easy.

If organized labor is to win it will be through a hard fight. There are too many union men who are only looking at their own side. If every union man would ask for overalls with the label on there would soon be no other, and he could look for the best grade. It is so with tobacco. Ninety-five per cent. of all tobacco used is consumed by the laboring man. If they all ask for the union label the sweepings would soon play out.

I would ask Bro. Poe if he would expect to get union made goods as cheap as he did goods made in the sweat shops. I say, ask for the label and pay for it, and insist on good goods. If a good cigar with the label on costs ten cents, pay ten cents, and know that you are helping to employ union labor. We have got to set the example. We cannot expect disinterested parties to ask for the label while we are looking about for sweat shop goods that can be bought cheaper because they were made by cheap labor.

L. A. H.

Waking Up Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At this writing I am in the city of "Brotherly Love," hustling around among the unconverted, endeavoring to make them see the light and join the ranks of the union army in the struggle for industrial freedom.

You all know that this city had a bad reputation in the past as being the town where you could always get a train load of the scabbiest scabs to take the place of any striker, even if he was in Europe, but last year the Council of the Allied Building Trades removed scabs from the building trades and we are going to try and remove the rest of them.

In the past, Philadelphia had too many independent unions, which are always a bar to progress. A union has no more cause for holding aloof from its national union than a mechanic has of staying out of the union of his trade. If a little union is some good, a large one is much better, and if you look for instance at the machinists' movement for a shorter work day all over the United States and Canada and see the success of the movement, and then think what would have been done to them if they had not been united under one national head, you can see why we have national unions.

There is no need to talk to wood walkers about the necessity of national unions as they have eaten on their cards, rode freight trains with them and knew where to find friends when they carried that little green card, but our brothers on inside work are not such ramblers as the outside men, and don't always appreciate the national union until they are out on strike and are getting hungry when a check from national headquarters drives up and puts some groceries in the house and the union men from other cities don't come around after their jobs. Then they think Rochester is not such a bad place after all.

Brills' Car Works of this city has long been an eyesore to union men, as no union men could work there if the boss knew it, so when I arrived here it was the first place for me to tackle. Have organized five unions from among their employees as fol-

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lows, car builders, blacksmiths, painters, blacksmiths' helpers and laborers, and before another week has passed almost every man of the 1,600 employees will be in his union and will commence to talk nine hours to the boss. Since I commenced to get them together, he has given them 10 per cent. increase in pay to convince them that it was not necessary to organize, but I had told them before this time about the tactics of the wiley capitalist, and about how if they stopped organizing he would give them a 20 per cent. reduction to get back the 10 per cent. after everything had quieted down, so it only spurred them on and they are joining at a great rate.

Have just received word from the street car men that I organized in New Orleans in May, that they had settled with their bosses on a 10-hour day and 18 cts. per hour. They were working 12 and 14 hours for 13½ cents an hour. The bosses also agree to recognize the union. There are about 1,500 of them in all.

I hope that our brothers of the I. B. E. W. in New Orleans have equal success, also that union of Wiremen's Helpers, of whom I have great expectations.

I think I will have to take a fall out of Baldwin's Locomotive Works here in the near future, as there are hardly any union men among its thousands of workmen.

We are seeing the usual crop of injunctions turned out by our judges, and it is causing me to wonder how soon will the working class stop electing their employers and their agents into office to make labor laws to protect the worker from themselves. Now if you were a boss and got elected to the legislature how would you vote when it came to making laws to prevent yourself from working your men longer than eight hours per day? You would be a fool if you voted for the workers' interest and against your own. So don't expect that you will get legislation from the employing class in your favor. When you vote next time see that you vote in your own interest, not in the interest of some capitalist, even if it is against some other capitalist. If the workers controlled the government we would not need to strike at all, but while it is controlled by the other class we have to fight for every crust of bread we get, though we purchase it all.

Is not the working class making a great mistake by not uniting at the ballot box?

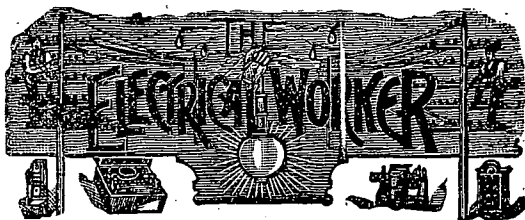
You will be surprised at the next election at the increase of the socialist vote over the country, as the workers are waking up and throwing off old party ties and uniting instead of fighting among themselves. When the question is, "Shall the trusts own the people or shall the people own the trusts," I don't see why the socialist vote should not increase, as it is the people who vote, not trusts.

HOWARD H. CALDWELL.

Let the watchword of all trade unionists be "Get Together," and stay together, says the Laborer and Journeyman. Let us all live up to our obligations and constitutions. Let us all do our work, and do it well. Let our employers see that union labor is the best of labor; let them know that the man who has the courage to join an organization for his elevation, mentally, morally and financially, is a better man and more valuable than the weak-kneed idiot whose brain is not large enough to conceive an idea and who has not sufficient courage to carry out a conviction. Let us think and read. Let us educate ourselves. Let us teach ourselves skill in our work. Let us be faithful, honest and upright; in other words, let us be true to our principles and to our duties as trade unionists.

TO THE KICKERS.

The men who fight the battles for labor, who make enemies of capitalists and corporations by what they do and say, have trials enough to encounter without feeling that they must also be on their guard against enemies in the very ranks of labor, who ought to be their friends and supporters. But, while it is discouraging to know that there are creatures so despicable as to seek to blight the good work of loyal men (and it would be difficult to imagine anything more utterly contemptible), it must never be forgotten that the sound sense and good judgment of the great majority of the laboring people can be relied upon to scorn the work of gossip and render futile the efforts of falsifiers who would willingly wreck every hope of labor's future, that in the ruins they might find some petty hate or malice gratified. — Labor News.



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B. G. WHEELER, 562 S. Tremont street,
 Denver, Col., would like to know the
 whereabouts of a lineman commonly called
 Papa Jones.

IT IS with great pleasure we inform our
 readers that Local No. 5 of Pittsburg has
 been reinstated in the Brotherhood. Cards
 issued by that local are O. K.

THE ITEM of \$350 in our expense ac-
 count for June is a five per cent. assess-
 ment levied by the American Federation
 of Labor on all national and international
 organizations under their jurisdiction, to
 help the machinists get a nine-hour day.

✓ THIRD Vice-President R. R. Tripp sent
 in his resignation and it has been accepted.
 The cause for his resignation was that he
 has left the electrical business. Bro. Tripp
 has made a good officer. He was always
 ready to do his share for organized labor
 and never afraid to stand up for what he
 considered right. We wish him success in
 his new field.

MORE than two million wage-earners
 will hear with regret of the accident which
 befell Gompers, president of the A. F. of
 L., recently. While stepping from a street
 car he was thrown to the ground, resulting
 in concussion of the brain which, while
 serious, is not thought to be fatal. It
 would indeed be a calamity to lose him at
 such a critical time as this, for besides his
 great knowledge of the needs of the hour,
 he has the implicit confidence of the vast
 army of which he is the head.

DEATH CLAIMS.

We have repeatedly called the attention
 of our members to the fact that according
 to our Constitution a man three months
 behind on our books is out of benefit, and
 should he die his wife or legal heirs-at-law
 can not collect a cent. Section 4 of Arti-
 cle 13 gives the G. S. the right to pay a
 claim when there is no question in regard
 to the member's standing, but when a
 member is three months behind the claim
 will not be paid. There has been cases
 where parties have sent in due cards
 marked paid up to date, when the reports
 from the local showed the members over
 three months behind. We have refused
 these claims, as there was nothing to do
 but follow the Constitution. We will fol-
 low the Constitution to the letter, without
 fear or favor to anyone; so it behooves
 each member to keep square on the books.

KEEP AWAY.

We have received many complaints from
 secretaries of locals who have strikes on

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hand against members of the I. B. E. W. coming into their city during a strike under the pretense that they did not know a strike was on. In many cases, if not in nearly all, the members told an untruth. If they did not know a strike was on it was their own fault, as they have been all given as much publicity as possible when we consider the number we have on hand at the same time. We would not bank much money on the man who knowingly goes where there is a strike, thereby tempting the local to give them a boost out of their limited treasury. Don't forget many of our strikes are fought out for home and family and the men fighting must stick and fight, they can't jump out when they like. Brothers, keep away from cities where there are strikes on.

ON THE night of July 3d we received a telegram from Local 130, New Orleans, saying, "Strike won, we gain every point." We are thankful for such information and hope each local on strike will notify the general office of the result. If the readers of the Worker are not made acquainted with the true status of all strikes, it is not our fault, as we willingly publish all news and would prefer to fill the paper with news of this kind rather than use one column of it for spleen throwing. This brotherhood is to-day in good, fair shape, in a position to live on forever, we hope. Men may come and go in the organization, but the brotherhood will still live. We congratulate all locals who have succeeded in bettering their conditions and hope the time is in the near future when every member of our organization will have his conditions bettered. The Texas strike has never been officially called off and let us hope they will win out.

BE CONSISTENT.

We have a first-class chance to study human nature, as we deal with many men. While electrical workers may differ from other mortals in some respects, they are but human after all. We have received some correspondence from press secretaries who have assailed the E. B. in no mild terms for allowing certain locals who have gained better conditions than other locals,

in fact better than many other trades, a chance to continue the fight. Some of the press secretaries have written flowery letters about brotherly love. From the tone of some a floater would imagine he would be in heaven when he struck the town from which the flowery message came. But after a careful investigation we find they are not met with a very brotherly spirit when they come to these cities. There have been cases where members of this brotherhood have not been treated with common courtesy. We do not expect a member of a local to do anything out of the ordinary, simply treat your brother as a man—nothing more is required of you. Be consistent; don't find fault with others until you come pretty near doing the square thing yourself. A flowery letter printed in this paper may read all right, but when a fellow strikes the town from which the letter came and runs up against human ice-bbergs, men who seem to shun a floater, there is where the inconsistency comes in.

In some instances, some have let sectional feeling prompt them. It should make no difference whether a man is from the north, south, east or west. He should be treated like a man, given the hand of fellowship. We know positively the locals who are charging for examination fees treat men O. K. when they come to their cities. They give them the hand of fellowship and tell them they must pay a certain sum before they are given a card. Now, kind reader, which is the best—strike a town, meet a welcome, be put to work at good wages or strike some place where you wonder whether there is any brotherly love, where you wonder whether the brotherhood is worth belonging to or not.

In short, brothers, practice what you preach. Don't be finding fault with others when you are not doing the square thing yourself. Work on the grand principle, "The concern of one is the concern of all."

GRAND PRESIDENT Wheeler has been forced to drop work on the road, as he is badly crippled up with the rheumatism. Let us hope for his speedy recovery.

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THE press secretary of No. 9 informs us in this issue that the strike against the Edison Co. in Chicago is settled.

THE letter from the press secretary of Local 39 contains foods for thought. The stamp system should be thoroughly discussed between now and our next convention. The most successful labor organizations have adopted this long ago. It stands the brothers in hand to look into this system and instruct their delegates for or against. There are many other things to command the attention of the members between now and October, so don't let the opportunity pass to think up something for the best interest of the I. B. E. W.

"WARM" MEMBERS.

Cable Splicers Object to Ten-Hour-Day Agreement—Eight Enough.

Wheeling, W. Va., July 7th, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is not very often that cable splicers take up space in our valuable journal, but this is one of the times that I think we are justified in doing so. There are a round dozen of us here at work on a new telephone exchange and judge our surprise and indignation upon looking through the pages of our last issue of the Worker to see that Local 17 of Detroit had made a contract or agreement with a company in Detroit and one of the conditions of that agreement was that splicers should work ten hours. Now look here, 17, when you did that we think you did a good thing and the good thing you did was to do the cable men out of 2 hours per day.

Now, brothers, before cable splicers joined the I. B. E. W. we worked 8 and sometimes 9 hours for a day's work and when we did join we did it to better our condition, not to make it worse. I don't believe there is a cable splicer in the country that wants to work more than 8 hours per day or a company that can force him to either. I want to ask some of you people if you ever stopped to consider the difference between 10 hours out in the fresh air and 10 hours down a foul smelling manhole with gas and all kinds of damp and nauseating gases. No; I don't think you did or you would not have done it.

Now, of course, brothers of 17, there is

no doubt you were actuated by the best of intentions when you did this, but don't you think you made a mess of it when you did it? We do, and we would like very much to know if any cable men sanctioned it and if they did why we think their job in Detroit is very safe, as I don't think they will be bothered by any splicers coming there to work at those hours. If you had done the right thing the conditions would have read 8 hours for a day's work to be paid for at the rate of three hundred and fifty cents per day. Hoping this will meet the eyes of those who made this rule, we beg to remain, yours for the betterment of our conditions,

FOSS & TELLY.

P. S.—Keep it up McCarthy (Big Mac). Give us another verse like you did last month. It was O. K. Telly would like to get a letter from you, as he has news for you.

Telly One Good One.

Now and then one meets with men who were formerly active in labor ranks and who dropped out soured by disappointed ambitions, or whose natures were naturally pessimistic and unable to withstand the shock of defeat. Deep down in their hearts still smoulders the fire of hope, although they may not admit it themselves, and requires but the faint breath of success to again awaken their sympathies, fire their souls and stir them to action in the grand cause of labor. They may be backsliders, may even have done wrong through force of necessity or in a moment of despair, but their eyes are always on the union. These sinners on the back seats should be reached and brought back to learn that the labor problem and the solution proposed by organized labor of the world now holds sway universally.

Let us then at the coming convention make some provision whereby everybody who was once connected with our organization may be again brought within the fold.—Exchange.

THE DEADHEAD MEMBER.

He is in our ranks. He joined the union from force of circumstances. His name is enrolled on our list of deadheads. He made one effort to think for a moment, was jerked away from the boss' coat tail, and

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there he sits, squat-legged, afraid to move, less he offend the boss or be asked his opinion. He occasionally attends a meeting, opens his mouth, drinks in the entire proceedings, and lets it run through him like water through a sieve. When the meeting is over he sneaks out by the back way so as not to be seen by the boss. He hitched on to the union as a hobo hitches on to a freight train to be drawn somewhere with no effort on his part. He never takes any unionism in the works with him for daily use. The burdens he cannot conveniently cast upon the other members he will lay before the foreman. He don't enthuse or encourage the other members. He never tries to add one more to the list of new members. He is the first to criticise the officers, the first to demand the benefits of the union and the first to kick and swear that the union is no good if it does not win every point and pay him back five dollars for every cent he has invested as dues. He breeds more discontent and creates more strikes in his sneaking way than would a thousand good members. He can see starvation and want in the families of his fellow workmen as serenely as he can tell a story. He is a deadhead on the dowdhill road to starvation wages and ten hours a day, and will get there like a tin can on a dog's tail if the dog don't die. If he is in your branch "fire" him out, but don't kill him, as he would use his last breath in calling for his funeral benefit.—Quarrymens' Journal.

THE SONG OF THE LOCOMOTIVE.

Ho! ho!
Whistle and blow;
Cinders and smoke from my funnel I throw.
Ding, dong,
Swinging along,
Leaping and rocking and roaring a song.
Shriek, hoarse,
Mad with force;
Drunken with speed as I rush on my course.
Deaf, blind,
Swifter than wind;
Shaking the earth as I fling it behind.
Stand! stare!
Filly and mare,
Nostrils dilated and sniffing the air.

Plunge, bolt!
Clipper and colt;
Here is a steed that shall mock your revolt.

Wide, high!
Cleaving the sky,
Drumming the bridge into thunder, I fly.
Clang! Crash!
Onward I dash;
How the wrought girders ring, hammer and clash.

Strong, slow,
Upward I go,
Ramping the rocks to the death-smitten snow.

Strain, fight,
Grip the rails tight:
Now the grim giant shall show you his might.

Chill, steep,
Panting I creep,
Skirting the precipice, daring the deep.
Hold, steel!
Slowly, I wheel;
Look ye not down lest your senses may reel.

Shriek, hark!
Shrill through the dark.
Black is the tunnel with never a spark.
Speed, fear!
Nothingness drear.
Oh, but the end might come suddenly here!

Keen! Bright!
Swift to the light;
Day flashes radiant, mocking the night.
High, steep,
Plunging, I leap:
Down to the valleys, exultant, I sweep.

Ho! Ho!
Whistle and blow,
Pulling the lever and letting her go.
Swing, heel,
Inward, I keel,
Flying the curves as I bend and I wheel.

Blaze, burn,
Smoking I turn;
Roaring in triumph, the mountain I spurn.
Shriek! Scream!
Downward in steam,
Earthquake and thunder and—gone like a dream.

—Bertrand Shadwell in Chicago Post.

MACHINISTS ENJOINED.

Judge Grants Injunction Against Milwaukee Strikers.

"State of Wisconsin, Circuit Court, Milwaukee county.—The Vilter Mfg. Co. vs Archie W. Holmes, et al., defendants.

"On the summons and complaint in the above entitled action, and on the affidavits of Theodore O. Vilter, William O. Vilter, Charles Alfter, Henry Kort, Nels P. Peterson, served therewith, and on the undertaking duly given on the part of said plaintiff and approved, and on motion of Quarles, Spence & Quarles, said plaintiffs' attorneys,

"It is ordered, That until the further order of this court, the above named defendants and the International Association of Machinists, and each and every one of its members, and subordinate lodges Nos. 66, 300 and 301 of the grand lodge of the International Association of Machinists, and each and every member of said lodges or associations, or either of them, and each and every of the said individual defendants, and each and every of the servants and agents of the said defendants or associations, or either of them, and each person aiding or abetting or who may be aiding or abetting said defendants or said associations, or any or either of them, be and they are hereby enjoined and restrained from congregating or being upon or about the sidewalks or streets or alleys or places adjoining or adjacent to the premises of said plaintiff hereinafter described, or upon or about said premises;

"From hindering or preventing or attempting to hinder or prevent, by threats, intimidation, force, abusive language, duress, or coercion of any kind, any person or persons from engaging or in continuing in any work or employment for or on behalf of said plaintiff, or on or about its said premises.

"And from so hindering and preventing or attempting to hinder or prevent, any person or persons from freely entering upon or leaving said premises of said plaintiff.

"And from in any way interfering with or hindering or preventing, or attempting to hinder or prevent, the carrying on or management of the business of said plaintiff; and from trespassing or coming upon said premises of said plaintiff.

"And from compelling anyone in the employ of or seeking employment from said plaintiff, to listen to any arguments of the said defendants or their co-conspirators or pickets, or any of them, against his will.

"And from persuading or inducing, in any manner, any person to join in the organization or furtherance of any conspiracy to compel this plaintiff to give up or abate, in any way its control of its factory and business.

"And from inducing, by threats or otherwise, any person or corporation to refuse to furnish or to sell to this plaintiff, or any of its employees, supplies or other merchandise.

"And from doing any act tending or intended to compel said plaintiff, against its will or the will of its officers, to operate its factory or employ or discharge any workmen in any manner or upon any terms prescribed or to be prescribed by an association or union; or to refrain, against its will or the will of its officers, from operating its said factory in any lawful manner; or to refrain, against its will, from hiring or discharging in any lawful manner such workmen or upon such terms as to said plaintiff or its officers may seem best.

"Said premises are situated in the Twelfth ward, in said city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and described as follows:

"All except the north 120 feet of lot 5 in the replatting made by the circuit court of Milwaukee county, of part of J. A. Beecher's subdivision of part of the southeast quarter of section 5 in the Twelfth ward. The above part of lot 5 is bounded as follows: On the south by Lincoln avenue; on the west by Clinton street; on the east by the right of way of the Madison division of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, and on the north by a line 120 feet south of the south line of Beecher street and parallel with said street. Which said premises abut on the following streets: On the west, Clinton street; on the east, Chicago & Northwestern railway tracks; on the south, Lincoln avenue, and adjacent to Beecher street on the north; all of which streets are duly laid out, worked and maintained by the city of Milwaukee.

Dated Milwaukee, June 22, 1901.

HUGH RYAN,
Court Commissioner,
Milwaukee Co., Wis.

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OUR LOCALS.

Local Union No. 1.

St. Louis, Mo., July 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As press secretary I have been in a manner supplanted by our esteemed and worthy brother recording secretary with a report of new officers selected for Local Union No. 1, I. B. E. W., but as there is plenty more to say about "old" No. 1, I thank him for his forethought.

I have been a very careful reader of the Worker and find much edifying and interesting reading in the publication, and also must compliment you on the thorough manner in which our dear paper is held to such a high standard of journalism. No one can find any yellow streaks in it. Some are so very particular as to the efforts of others and fail to see their own shortcomings, and to you I would say, allow such complaints to pass with charity.

Local Union No. 1 is now very busy. It has just entered into another agreement with the St. Louis Electrical Exchange whereby the wages have been increased 60 cents per day and the half holiday Saturday recognized. There are some points in the agreement that, individually, I did not approve of, but as the majority rules, and I was defeated, I will cheerfully abide by and do all in my power to see that No. 1 carries out all points therein contained to the letter.

Some of the brothers seem to think an injustice was done some of the contractors, but as all such movements have a tendency to injure a few for the benefit of many, I see no reason why we should not act as one person, thereby strengthening our prestige. If Local Union No. 1 lives up to its agreement, no matter who is injured by so doing, it will gain the respect of all, and should any question arise in the future the battle will be half won when it becomes known "Old No. 1" is supporting it.

Our meetings are very well attended, but there seems to be a desire on the part of some of the most eager to still further increase the present check marks on the roster at meeting roll call. The old wheel

horses have been set aside in a manner and the new ones seem to be desirous of adding new features which, to my idea, are very commendable. I, as an old timer, will very gladly give way to the younger members and use all my efforts to assist them should they so desire it. Any matter brought before the union is discussed pro and con and at times some very loud talking is indulged in, but I am pleased to say that the general good feeling seems to have received no ill effect, for after the meetings the brothers regale themselves in good natured couples.

Local Union No. 1 can point to many great and good improvements in the condition of the electrical workers of St. Louis and I can notice that the old petty jealousies of former years are fast disappearing and the social intercourse of the craft improving amazingly. If anyone asks for No. 1 just tell them we are all together and from present indications we are liable to hold out and accomplish much in the unity of action.

As the World's Fair is a leading topic and seems to excite outsiders more than we here, I would say for outsiders it were best to wait until late this fall before giving up anything they have sure, as the preliminaries are rather slow, but by that time they may come and join No. 1. and be treated right.

We are now on the question of new by-laws and as the changes are many and our meetings are fraught with much other business, it may take some time before they are accepted. There is one thing I must not forget, and that is to compliment the retiring officers. Their efforts have done much to bring No. 1 to its now proficient standing and I hope the present officers will accomplish as much. With best wishes for the success of our noble organization, I remain,

Yours to command,

BALDY,
Press Sec.

St. Louis, Mo., July 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

On July 2d No. 1 installed the following officers for the ensuing term:

Pres.—C. W. Campell.

Vice-Pres.—Steve Garrigan.

Rec. Sec.—C. G. Williamson.

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Fin. Sec.—Harry Ellison.

Press Sec.—W. S. Peebles.

Treas.—J. T. Kelly.

Our new wage scale went into effect on July 1 without a hitch. A few of the members do not seem to realize what the union has won because it was accomplished without a strike or the loss of an hour's time to a single member. If those kickers were placed in the position of some of our brothers in other cities who have been on a strike for months they would appreciate more fully what has been done for them. Wages in our city have been increased 150 per cent. since the union was organized, and it is scarcely necessary to state that this was not effected by the tactics pursued by our "kickers." To-day we had our first Saturday half-holiday. Our members are beginning to distinguish the difference between "living" and existing.

As soon as our picnic is over No. 1 will commence to prepare for the International Convention. With the present prosperous condition of our organization there should be over 100 delegates present at the convention. The St. Louis unions will leave nothing undone to make the visit of the delegates both pleasant and profitable. The next convention should be pre-eminently a business meeting. The organization has reached a stage when it must have a fixed policy and laws sufficiently comprehensive to cover all cases and contingencies that may arise, and not throw the entire burden on the executive board. The recent criticisms of the action of the E. B., whether deserved or not, have not been conducive to the best interests of a labor organization.

In the future No. 1 will be represented in the columns of the Worker by a new scribe, Bro. W. S. Peebles, better known as "Baldy," and in retiring Electron feels both relieved and satisfied that the "Faber" of No. 1 will be wielded by a veteran.

ELECTRON.

Local Union No. 4.

New Orleans, July 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

To all the brothers I have this joyful news to relate in regard to the threatened strike of the motormen and conductors employed on all the street railways in the

city. From the time Mr. H. Caldwell organized this union there has been hard feelings against him on different companies' sides; then officers of the roads have classed him as a foreign agitator and caused them to lay off men who had been elected officers of this union. Mr. Caldwell at once telegraphed to Mr. W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Street Railway Employees of America, and formed a committee with himself to wait on the officers of the companies to make a demand for better pay and shorter hours, as the salary was too small and the hours too long. The employers listened to their demands. They told the companies that 13½ cents per hour was to be increased to 20 cents per hour and ten hours work was what they demanded. The presidents of the railways formed a committee and met the employees' committee. The mayor and commissioners said that the conditions were satisfactory on the employees' side, but finally the companies compromised with a small difference, which the committee of the local acceded to. They accepted 18 cents per hour and ten hours work per day, and that the companies acknowledge the union and replace the men back to work that were laid off at the commencement of the organization. This was satisfactory and all went on well without a strike.

Now come the electrical workers. Local No. 130 had given all contractors in the city ample notice, from April to the 1st of July, that after that time their salaries would be 35 cents per hour and eight hours work per day. The 1st of July came and all the men went on a strike, but the situation between the striking electrical workers and the contractors will probably be relieved before night. A committee from L. U. No. 130 waited upon the various contractors this morning and received their assurance that they would sign the scale as fixed by the union this afternoon. This means that the electrical workers will have all their demands acceded to with the exception of legal holidays, for which they demand double time. They are willing to pay that figure on national legal holidays. As there are too many legal holidays in this State the contractors realized that it would be useless for them to withhold their signature, as they had on hand contracts

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that must be finished in a limited time. Of course all the contractors have been waiting for the action of the National Automatic Fire Alarm Co. before signing, as if that company is willing to sign there will be no trouble with the other contractors. The union, as a matter of courtesy to some of the contractors, allowed some of the members to continue in their employ until contracts upon which they were working were completed. I think that was a kind and wise act on the part of the men to be so considerate.

I met Bro. Tom Zeigler and asked him to give me full particulars in regard to the situation and how they stood. He told me by 4 o'clock in the afternoon he could let me know the full particulars of their success; that he was about to form a committee to wait upon the contractors to sign and accede to their demands. I also met Vice-Pres. J. J. Cahill, who was running as hard as he could, but did find time to stop to tell me of his mission. He was going to different buildings to call out the men who had been working. He succeeded in getting them all out, so what was there left for the contractors to do but to sign the agreement and accede to its demands.

The National Automatic Fire Alarm Co. signed the demands of the men and the men are overjoyed at the victory for the members of Local 130. The contractors advised all the men who were not members of the union and who were eligible to membership to join the union, in order that their positions would be secured under the recently formed agreement.

I am pleased to state that they have won the strike in three days. I suppose it will be No. 4's next turn to make a demand for better pay. I will now bid you good night, hoping in my dream that the day will come soon. I remain,

Yours fraternally,

TOM ASPINWALL.

Local Union No. 5.

Ligonier, Pa., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

After a silence of a year Local No. 5 bobs up serenely. Now as we are back into the fold again I think I speak for all when I say "let bygones be bygones." I think we are on as good a footing as the

majority of locals. On the third day of May we signed an agreement for 8 hours a day at 9 hours' pay, but since then we have had trouble with three of the associated contractors, namely, The Fulman Elec. Co., Springer & Patterson and George R. Mathiew.

The Fulman Co. was trying to pipe the new Union Depot, a fourteen-story building, with the steamfitters or anybody else that could say he could chase a thread on pipe and screw pipe together, it seems. I believe that Mr. Fuller has realized that the union electrical workers are the right people to do the work that rightly belongs to them. The fight we had on the Union depot is the same trouble that has been fought in other cities, and it concerns every man in the business, but it is queer that you can't pound that into the heads of some of these dubs. An individual agreement was signed up between the Fulman Co. and the local and the boys went back to work.

As I am away from Pittsburgh I cannot say anything further in regard to the depot. The trouble with the other two firms was brought about by them taking a member from the local into the firm as a working partner. Should each do the same thing they would let this bunch of working partners finish all work in time of trouble. Then some people wonder why unions go out on a strike. It is just as one of our brothers said, "When you go to hang him he is going to holler." That's right, Walter!

I am up here in this little mountain town where the wintergreen grows and rambling rose blooms, and if our Jake came up here he could sleep on a flowery bed of ease and stop growing up through his hair, and if little Harry would come too, he could drink lots of this cold spring (soft water) and grow some; then he would not have to climb up to look over the railing of the Sixth street bridge. I can't see how Billie can get along without Peggie. She says he has a lovely voice.

If Pulliam and Welsh have finished the Pan-Am. Exposition, and are not too busy on some other big job, we would like to hear from them.

Well, as there are no swithes to pull out or throw or to turn over or off, and none of

those sort of lights that are so much talked of; I'll be honest and proceed to blow out this carbon and lamp, and I would like to get a Worker. With best wishes, I am,

Yours fraternally,
R. L. BRUCE.

Local Union No. 6.

San Francisco, July 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At our last meeting a vote was cast that put me in this place. I am not familiar with editorial work, so you will please excuse all mistakes. Will start in by giving you a list of our new officers for ensuing term:

Pres.—A. E. Yole.
Vice-Pres.—J. H. Hammersley.
Rec. Sec.—R. P. Hale.
Fin. Sec.—Ed. Smith.
Foreman—J. J. Ortner.
Trustee—R. L. Boynton.
Insp.—J. E. Fiandt and C. A. Murphy.
Bus. Agent—R. G. Alexander.

We succeeded in obtaining \$3.50 a day for eight hours work, beginning July 1, 1901.

Most all the boys are working at present and prospects look pretty good, but do not know how they will last. We have succeeded in getting most all the boys here, and also from Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley, into the union, and we have raised the initiation fee to \$25, with \$5 additional for examination.

A farmer who was in town the other day asked one of the boys that works for the Blue Lakes Transmission Co. if it was telephonic or telegraphic. He was informed that it was electric-lightic.

Bro. Hinton is still doing considerable work at the Pacific Mail dock. The boys at Honolulu are still on a strike. They are out for \$5 per day and expect to win. The Risdon and Union iron works are both running small gangs on account of machinists' strike. Some of our boys have gone to Mare Island for Uncle Sam, while about thirty are at sea. Hot-Water Tom got the nightmare the other night and took a large bushel basket and went up a pole to pick electric currents. Five of our boys have gone to Alaska to install small plants in the fish canneries, while six more have gone to Palo Alto on a large iron-armored

job being done by Well & Fink for Stanford University.

The Wybro-Hendy Co. have signed a contract for a 360-room hotel in Honolulu, work to be iron armored and plant installed.

Old Daddy Wass, or Uncle Duddley, is still working scabs on the transports.

One of the boys of 151 got electrocuted last Saturday night. I suppose that you will see a full account of it in 151's letter.

Well, it is getting late, so will close.

Yours fraternally,

CHICK AMES,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 7.

Springfield, Mass., July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The strike is still on and reports say the union is giving the companies lots of trouble.

At the United Electric Light Co.'s only one union man, L. Smith, stayed in, and he is scabbing for fair now. The rest are little boys who are anxious to learn the trade. It is quite a sight to see them work; every one wants to be boss, and they say the climbers bring the spurs home nights to practice with them.

The telephone company has about ten men scabbing it, led by a big Nova Scotian named Frank McGinnis. He is a star scabby.

All the linemen are out of town working. Quite a few of them came back to spend the Fourth, Bros. Welch, Allen and Signola, but returned next day. There were others, but I failed to get their names.

The inside men are not rushed with work, but they seemed to be all busy.

Our press secretary does not write any letters lately, so he asked me to send my little say, and I will say that he was the best P. S. the union ever had, holding the office over a year. If he could not write he would get some one that would, which suited all.

I hope the next six months will be as prosperous as the last six, and I don't see why they can't, reaching almost the 200 mark. Nothing pleases me more than when I receive my Worker and read the editorials and the grand president's letters. They are interesting. I think if all the

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brothers would bear one thing in mind, and that is building up the brotherhood and getting all at our trade in the union, we would have at the close of the year a grand organization, and it can be done if we all do our little mite and work together with this object in view. I don't like to see strikes, but if all the trades were united it would be a godsend to the entire working class. I my next letter I will write on strikes and the interest we should all take in them.

At the meeting last night Bro. D. Ah-green was elected press secretary and Bro. M. Farrell president; very good selections. The rest of the officers are same as last year. No more to say at present, but hope boys will win out.

Yours truly,

J. F. S., Press Sec. pro tem.

Local Union No. 11.

Waterbury, Conn., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am glad to be able to say that Local No. 11 is still on the increase. Acquired two new members last month, with not one member out of employment and with perhaps a chance of work for first-class members of other locals. I say first-class, because that is the only kind that will find work here, and anyone that is unlucky enough to float in here with a poor card and without proof of his excuse will not receive a very warm welcome, for Waterbury is a union town and has no use for scabs.

All applications for membership in Local No. 11 on and after August 1, 1901, must be accompanied by the raised initiation fee, which is \$15. All members having applications out under old fee will please send in so they can be acted upon before that date.

How about that state convention? Local No. 11 wants to have the first one held in Waterbury, and even though we are brass and copper we will do right by the delegates and let them go home alive.

Our Bridgeport friends probably do not want us to have everything; that is, having a convention and winning out at Bridgeport August 3, 1901. If the players have anything to say about it they will have the local and all up here with them.

Bro. Eldridge, who has for some time been working on 3-phase work, says he can pitch a true line wave, and Bro. McNellis can catch anything from a baseball to a Highland division freight train. I think I have said enough about the ball team. Should I say too much, Bridgeport may get scared and not show up, but it will suffice to say that all others can do a little also. Larrie Ballow and his side partner, Jim & Co., have been pulling the cars for the railway company for the last month and have had pretty good practice, so it is a toss-up between Waterbury and Bridgeport.

Yours as a brother,

P. J. HORGAN,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 13.

El Paso, Tex., July 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have been elected to the position of press secretary of our union, and as there is a fine of one dollar if I fail to get a letter in each month, I will try to let the locals hear from No. 13 regularly.

We held our election last month and have a very fine set of officers. I will send their names and addresses in my next letter.

Work here in El Paso is very slack at present. We are having a good deal of trouble in the T. C. They do not seem to be making very good progress for some reason. One of the reasons is that they are trying to do too much for a new body. I think that if they had been organized six months before they had tried the card system they would have been more successful than they have been so far.

We are at present bothered with three or four non-union men. I don't know how the pests came to get into our midst, but they are here and it seems that no amount of persuasion can get them to join our body. It has been very hard to keep some of the boys from fixing those scabs, and I will have to tell you in my next letter how those scabs were made good.

The brothers up north have our sympathy. While you are being roasted by old Sol, blankets feel good in the morning in this man's town; still the mercury goes hunting for the top of the thermometer every day.

There has been lots of talk lately of a syndicate buying up the electric light plants here and putting in an electric street car system. All the boys are hoping they are true, for it will make our city a good deal better place and bring our membership up a few notches.

What has become of all the floaters? It has been some time since I have seen one of their faces. I want to inform them that if they start this way in summer to steer clear of the G., H. & S. A. R. R., for it is the dustiest road in summer that anyone ever rode on. This is no pipe dream, for I am speaking from experience, and I did not ride the blind either. With kind regards to all the locals, I remain,

Yours truly,

JNO. BLAKE, Press Sec.

Local Union No. 14.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As our past press secretary failed to keep the brotherhood in touch with No. 14, I will try and do so.

At present everything is lovely and there is work for a few brothers with good cards. If you have not a good card don't get off because our business agent, R. Collier, will not stand for it.

Here is a piece of advice for linemen who don't belong to the I. B. E. W., but are always going to join when you talk to them about it. Henry McClenaghan, employed by the A. C. L. Co., met death while making a connection with 2300 volts. Henry was a good, big-hearted lad and had a friend in all who knew him. He always expressed himself in favor of unionism and had promised several times to join us. Henry McClenaghan was born in Belfast, Ireland, March 10, 1870, and had not a relative in this country to look after his remains. Mr. Joseph Tripping, of 223 Atwood st., a friend who knew him in Belfast, took charge of his remains and they were given a decent burial. Boys, there are many fixed the same as he was, and we are all liable to meet death at any time. We may not be so fortunate as he was. Good common sense will tell us to protect ourselves and families. What better way is there to do this than by belonging to a labor union? You benefit your condition

in life and protect your family in sickness and death. You have got a friend no matter where you go. Labor unions, we all know, have had their up and downs, but look back over the years and every time there has been a set-back they rose up again a thousand times stronger, and today they are stronger than ever.

Bro. Henry Kilpatrick fell from a 40-foot pole last week, injuring his back and legs. He is doing well at the Alleghany General Hospital.

Bro. Perl Dye has been laid up with typhoid fever for the last four weeks and at present is improving slowly.

Brothers of L. U. No. 14 who are traveling, when you send any money for dues don't forget to send it by money order, as this local is not responsible for money sent otherwise. Get a receipt for your money when you send it and you will never lose anything by it.

W. L. T.,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 15.

Jersey City, N. J., July 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, I guess I will have to break the ice, brothers and Mr. Editor. This is my first attempt as press secretary. I was captured red-handed at last meeting, found guilty and given three months at hard labor. The jurymen, Bros. Arrington, Regan and Scott, would not listen to my appeal, so here goes.

We had a warm election of officers with a hot finish. When the dust cleared away we found the following:

Pres.—Bro. Sorenson.

Vice-Pres.—E. Kenna.

Treas.—M. Downs.

Fin. Sec.—J. Bartley.

Press Sec.—E. Hilton.

Foreman—S. Tinker.

Inspectors—T. Shillicock, J. Byrnes.

Trustees—M. F. Scott, John Regan, Wm. Miers.

We hope that the brothers elected will take up the reins of office and drive it to a further and better advancement. Our retiring president made a neat address, going over different items that had taken place during his term of office. One was the condition of the finances, which were bet-

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tered over 100 per cent., also the increase in membership and the punctuality of the members in attending meetings.

He had the misfortune of burying one of his family the same day. The boys extend their sympathy to him in his sad bereavement.

We have a double header for a picnic this year, and it is expected to excel anything of its kind ever attempted in the county. The committees are all working hard and it is expected to be a success in every particular. If Bro. G. Hilton (one of my family tree, better known as a good kicker in the lodgeroom) succeeds, he will have some fine set pieces for the evening electrical display. It is hoped that the nearby locals will attend in goodly numbers, as they will witness something never before seen in Hudson county. Come on, boys, and whoop her up.

In the May issue of the Worker there was an account of a gent who went from Boston to Philly to get men to fill the places of the strikers at Boston. Our foreman, Bro. Tinker, was one of the bunch that took in that free excursion. He says that when he pulled into the Jersey City depot he was taken with severe pains in the stomach and of course he had to go to the nearest gin mill to relieve himself. When he returned he had the bad luck of losing that chartered car. To hear him tell of his baggage he left behind (paper and bricks), the way the boys left the Boston gent, and the condition of the chartered car when the boys left it is a caution. I think that the next time those people hire a \$460 chartered car for that purpose it will be a side-door Pullman with numbers in big white figures, 019645 (through freight), or something like it. A good job and well, done are the remarks from No. 15. We hope that 104 will win out by the time this goes to press, also the Texas boys.

We cut in four new lights on No. 15's circuit, but the old goat was so played out working overtime that we had to send him up to the blacksmith to have his horns re-tipped. One of the boys caught him getting away with an old cross-arm and some knobs, so he expects to be around for business by next meeting.

Bro. Dohrbeck, who had his leg broken,

is still hanging on to the crutches yet. He says that he expects to use one as a dead man and the other as a pike, so look out.

I would like to compliment "Splicer," of No. 142, on his comparison of Mr. Liner and Mr. Superintendent. It reads as if it came from the original.

Say, Bro. Ward, of No. 79, would like to hear from you. Lots of news to tell you. I wrote you, but I guess the letter must have struck a payday and got ditched.

Bro. Mead, No. 87, take off that little white hat and drop a line.

Work is quiet here at present. There are two roads to go through, but there is a hitch in the proceedings and it may be some time before work starts again. Bro. Joyce keeps his gang going steady all the time.

I am sorry to have to inform the brothers of the sudden and unexpected death of Bro. Montague, who was killed instantly while working on a pole at Far Rockaway. It is claimed that he got one hand on one side of 2200 and his neck against the other. It took 18 minutes before the current was shut off, so you can get an idea what condition he was in when they took him down. He leaves a wife and three children in destitute circumstances. Of course he was not upon the books and the brothers donated what they could. Bro. Rickridge, of No. 90, had charge of the affairs at the funeral and it is with credit I can write of the way he handled it. It is another case of high voltage and the lineman. "Wages," oh that is an after consideration.

We have seen people stand and look at a lineman working on a pole expecting every minute to see him fall or get killed on the wire. If we should get into conversation with these some people one of the first remarks would be, "I wouldn't do that work for \$100 a day." Then again others would say, "It's like every other business, all right when you know how." But let us stop and consider the number of times a man takes his life in his hands to "know how." And again after you "know how." What do we receive in consideration for the work done. Then when a strike is called, a chartered car, at an enormous expense, is sent from one city to help to keep in submission men

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who risk their lives at all times of the night and day in all kinds of weather. It is a question to be considered at the present day. It is all right to be an electrical engineer, to figure out and put into motion machines that can pump 50,000 volts and more on to a line of wires, but how about the man that has to work on that line? He has got to handle that hot stuff more than the man at the station, and in all kinds of weather. It is like the fellow says, "You would have to be a rubber doll." Every day the juice is going higher both in price and voltage. I would like to get some of the brothers' opinions on this subject.

I have been requested by the local to remind the brothers of No. 20 that it is no more than fair and just that the brothers of No. 20 working in this territory for any length of time should deposit their cards in No. 15. It is living up to the constitution in the first place and it is nothing more than right that it should be seen to. We earnestly wish that the brothers of No. 20 will look at this matter in the right light and have no hard feelings for being reminded of it.

To the strolling brothers of No. 15: We would like to have all those who can come in next meeting and straighten up, as the R. S. and F. S. would like to start off with a new set of books. A brother from No. 104 came in last meeting and deposited his card. Well, I will—"What's that, no more ink!" That settles it, I will have to close for keeps now.

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD HILTON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 17.

Detroit, Mich., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having been selected as available for the honorable, but to some undesirable, office of press secretary, I shall endeavor to maintain the high average of ability shown by my predecessors.

To me this office appears as the outlet whereby the whole brotherhood may read, know and discuss the live issues most vital to us all. I must admit having been very lax in my attention to our local and know that I am in a way to become a much bet-

ter union man. I have always read with great interest the letters from the various locals and find in them food for much thought. They show as a mirror the conditions existing in the locality from which they are written—elation with victory in a successful strike or manful resignation when fairly beaten with a determination to prepare better for a renewal of the fight in the future.

In this regard I wish to say, too much care cannot be shown in preparing for a strike. In too many cases the men are ill-advised by a few hot heads who are to be found in every local. They are led to believe that what they seek is to be had from rich corporations for the asking and when, after their bill of complaint is absolutely refused, they become disheartened and are ready for the advances which wise employers know so well how to propose. It should be remembered that it is better to wait than to ask and be refused with no alternative than to go back to work like whipped children. When a local is fully equipped—a full treasury—everybody of one mind and determined, with a backbone strengthened with just demands, then go out and stick; never to give in, rather seek, if necessary, new fields of labor than show the white flag after once asking what is right and proper.

Local No. 17 is in a most flourishing condition, showing an increase of eight members in June. We are in need of better accommodations for our meetings and have been agitating furnishing a hall of our own and if possible sub-letting to other societies. Can any local give us pointers in this direction as to cheapness, comfort and desirability.

I wish to report to his many friends the continued convalescence of Bro. Jack Turner, who will without doubt be out in a few days.

Bro. Wm. Donner, who contemplates going to the Pacific coast, has accepted temporary work with the People's Tel. Co. We hope he will conclude to stay permanently as he is a valued member of our local.

The Edison Illu. Co. from July 1st will pay foremen \$2.75 and linemen \$2.50 per day, a raise of 25 cents all around, to keep in line with the highest rate paid by any

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company in Detroit. This is a most progressive company and its action is more commendable when known that it is the only lighting company here.

The officers just elected and given below are excellent selections and we look for increased harmony and advancement during their term of office, commencing on July 1st:

Pres.—Guy D. Lundy.

Vice-Pres.—Elwood Lamb.

Rec. Sec.—Wm. Tracy.

Fin. Sec.—John Woods.

Press Sec.—L. K. Taylor.

Tres.—Geo. Burns.

Foreman—Frank Cubiac.

Guard—E. L. Hawes.

Inspectors—Dan Chisholm, Scott Elliott.

Delegates to Trades Council—D. Scanlon, Geo. Brown, Geo. Burns, L. K. Taylor, J. Woods.

Trustees—D. Scanlon, Geo. Harrison, Fred Weeks.

I enclose with this letter a set of resolutions which are self explanatory.

Fraternally submitted,

L. K. TAYLOR,

Press Sec.

To the Trades Council and Organized Labor of the U. S. A., Greeting:

Whereas, An organization known as the Reformed Presbyterians has recently, in convention assembled, adopted resolutions denouncing labor unions as being harmful to society, morally wrong and debasing and warning their members not to join them, and

Whereas, The said resolutions have received wide publication through the press, we believe that silence on the part of the labor unions in this matter would be accepted by the general public as an evidence of being guilty as charged, therefore be it

Resolved, By Local Union No. 17 of the I. B. E. W. that we protest against the action of the Reformed Presbyterians as being ill-considered, unjust and contrary to the tenets and teachings of a Christian denomination, and be it further

Resolved, That we reaffirm that every wageworker has not only the moral right but that it is his duty to join the ranks of organized labor and help increase its membership until there shall be no man work-

ing for a wage outside a labor union and thus place ourselves in the material, social and moral position to which the dignity of labor entitles us; be it further

Resolved, That we maintain that organized labor as an institution in its influence in all that tends toward the elevation and betterment of the whole people is second to none and as a dispenser of charity and an agent for the relief of real distress it stands to-day without a peer.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, that they be printed in the official journal of the brotherhood and that a copy under seal, signed by the president and recording secretary, be transmitted to the council of trades and labor unions for their endorsement.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. BURNS,

DAN STEVENS,

Rec. Sec.

Pres.

Local Union No. 20.

Brooklyn, N. Y., July 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

"In union there is strength," is a wise saying, but had the author of the aforesaid added, in concentrated, active union there is strength, he would have come nearer hitting the nail on the koko. That is to say, you can have a body of men congregate for a purpose, and if that body of men are not active their strength is as useless as a member of an organization who pays his dues and lets the burden of the work fall on the few willing workers, while he stays away from his duty. Let us take an organization of 200 members who act indifferent and neglect their duty, and let seven or eight members struggle bravely on trying to better the condition of their craft. What will be the result? No more will be accomplished than if those seven or eight members were organized alone outside of the financial aid they receive from the 200, and you know that is not enough to buy street car franchises in Philadelphia or a seat in the United States Senate. Then, on the other hand, if the 200 members become active, who, when they enter their lodge room, leave all petty jealousies outside, who will get up and talk for any proposition for the good of the union, even if that proposition was proposed by

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some man who you do not like personally, but who may be as good a union man as yourself. Who, when they are appointed to serve on a committee, will vie with each other to do their duty, instead of saying, "Mr. Chairman, I can't act," or "Mr. Chairman, I wish you would excuse me." Who, when they know a member who is working steady beside them does not pay up his dues, will speak to him and point out his negligence; and should a non-union man come on the job never rest contented until they make a union man of him. And who will make men understand that if they don't have their cards paid up they will be pushed aside. Then and then only will those 200 men become a power and make the sheep who are outside of the fold wish to come in.

A union man will always abide by the decision of the majority and, although he may be one of the minority and think he is right and the decision is wrong, it is his privilege to try and win over the majority by his arguments and rectify the wrong; but if he can't fairly win a majority by his arguments, it necessarily stands to reason he must be wrong. So, brother, if you have the vote cast against your judgment don't pout and be like a child, but come back again like a man and show you can stand defeat bravely. And I will say right here it takes a man to do it. Don't talk to be talking, but talk right from the heart when you think you are in the right, regardless of who you are opposing, for as we enter the lodge room we are supposed to have equal rights to all, special privileges to none. So much for advice.

I will let the readers of the Worker know how No. 20 is standing. On June 4th D. B. Mostello, our former business agent and financial secretary, attended his last meeting. He had missed two or three meetings previous to this and on June 11th, when he neglected to show up (No. 20 pays its B. A. and F. S. \$3 per day), the members suspended him, appointed a new B. A. and F. S. to fill out his term, and appointed a committee to get his books and investigate them. I was one of the committee, and after calling at his house for a week and being promised he would turn the books over to the committee and being disappointed, the union instructed me to use

legal means to get possession of the books. Up to this time I had not seen Mostello, as he kept shy, but I located him and showed him the order for the books. He refused to give them up, but after I threatened to use legal means he changed his mind and handed the books over to Bro. Mack, our treasurer. After the committee looked over the books we found he had collected \$28 which he admits he received from various brothers, and has not yet turned over to the union. He claims the union owes him a week's salary, but refuses to show up and present his bill. Therefore, brothers, you can judge for yourself whether his actions are those of an honest man or not. Local No. 20 will make good any money received by Mostello as B. A. and F. S. if it is proven he received the money. I will say here that no traveling brother should send money unless as a money order or postal order, and should send it to Local No. 20 in care of whoever is financial secretary.

It was neglected in last month's Worker to mention that No. 20 has a sub-local established at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., where fifty or sixty members are working in that vicinity. The reason was that the members could not come to No. 20's meetings without quite a little expense and losing their night's rest, as they could not get home until 2 A. M. next morning. So they have rented Dearborn Hall in Mt. Vernon and hold meetings every first and third Friday of the month under the guidance of their popular and energetic chairman, P. F. Dunn.

Work seems to be plentiful all over, as it is here. How do I know? Well, there are not many "walkabouts" coming in.

Brothers, if a man named Jack Ward, who showed up here with a paid-up card from Buffalo, comes your way tell him he is "It," and that he better keep shy of 121 Willoughby street, Brooklyn.

We have quite a number of members of other locals with us, some from Easton, Pa., Baltimore, Norfolk and Philadelphia. Among the list are Strech Collins, Fred Kingman, P. J. Winn, Bro. Lindsay of 27, Shorty Pearson, Bro. Campbell of 91, Welsh boys, No. 91, and others too numerous to member. Among the old standbys, Chas. Cheeks, Shorty Kunkel, Billy

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Tabert and Jack Fagin have just left on their annual vacation.

[For reasons unknown balance of article failed to arrive.]

Local Union No. 21.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Once more the time has arrived for the letter to our worthy journal, and it is a sad one I will have to write. We were to have a picnic on July 4th, and a sorrowful one it was and will be remembered for many days, as it rained most of the day and the contests were declared off.

Bro. F. J. Lee, of No. 20, went up the pole and started down and fell about 35 or 40 feet, fracturing his spine. He was operated on Friday and had several pieces of bone removed from his back which likely will leave him a cripple for life, if not worse. He was resting quite easy on Saturday at noon.

Work is in no great demand at present as they want men at their price and the men will not work for them at less than \$2.50.

The Keystone T. & T. Co. has not commenced the wire work yet, but will likely some time this month.

Bro. Cooney came in from Baltimore and put in the Fourth with us and has gone to Delaware to see his better half, I believe, and is coming back in a few days. He told me he would not promise to work in Philadelphia and he would not have my position for \$8 per day. You can see what a stranger thinks of my position. Brothers, if you will all try and help me it will be much easier on me, for most of you know I have all I can do and am not saying very much.

All brothers who have tickets of our picnic please send in the tickets or the money for them as we are quite a little behind yet and will have to settle our little bills as soon as possible.

Excuse my haste and I will close.

R. H. K.

Local Union No. 23.

St. Paul, Minn., July 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has become my duty to inform the brothers that No. 23 is alive, healthy and doing good work. At our last meeting we

initiated four new members, which increases our local about forty in sixty days, and there are more to follow. Let the good work go on. I expect in my next letter to be able to say that we have started an apprentice class with about fifteen members. We have no examining board, but expect to have one in the near future.

New officers were installed at regular meeting last Monday evening:

Pres.—W. M. Snyder.

Vice-Pres.—O. M. McAllister.

Fin. Sec.—J. N. Day.

Rec. Sec.—H. Tubbesing.

The boys are all working and business is fair. We could stand a little more work, but we are eating three times a day. When there is a good job in sight the outsiders step in and get them. The Western Electric Co. of Chicago got two fair-sized contracts in the last few days. One of them is a conduit job. We do not expect anything out of that building, as they did one here before and all conduit was laid by cheap labor. We may be able to do something with them on this building. I would not advise any of the brothers to head this way, as there are no vacancies.

The Twin City Phone is making preparations to do a great deal of work, but it will be some time yet, probably in the fall.

We had a young cyclone here last week which did a great deal of damage. There were no casualties here, but our sister city was not so lucky. Two deaths were reported caused by live wires. Bro. Henley of Local 24 was one of the unfortunates.

As this is my first attempt I will pull the switch.

Yours fraternally,

C. W. B., Press Sec.

Local Union No. 24.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having been elected to the office of press secretary by Local 24, I will endeavor to inform the brotherhood what is taking place here to interest them. Our previous P. S. gave in his last communication as complete an account of the situation as regards the strike (which brought Bro. Wheeler to our city) as could be given.

We as a union have discovered what material No. 24 is composed of, which places us on a firmer footing than ever before.

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Monday, July 1st, No. 24 attended the funeral of Bro. David Hawley, who was greatly loved and respected by us. Bro. Hawley met his death while shooting trouble for the Northwestern Tel. Ex. Co. He was terribly burned under the arms, also received injuries when he fell from the cable pole. Death was instantaneous.

The work of the season has not commenced quite yet, that is, on the large contracts. The Minn. City Tel. Co. (independent) is doing considerable work, which is necessary to put them in the position of a competitor. It is the golden opportunity for them to capture the field, but it will require a large amount of funds, as they have not completed their lines in the residence portion of the city.

Our business agent, Bro. Coe, has gone to Chicago, and Bro. Oran McCann was elected to fill the vacancy. We need a business agent at this stage of the game more than ever, as there are jobs that are fair during the regular working hours, but after the union men have gone, up to dark, is the time that they get in their work. Human nature is a strange combination. Verily it is like throwing pearls before swine. The horizon of vision of those people is very limited not to be able to see anything beyond their own narrow range.

Our examining board is having its course of sprouts attended to for the benefit of all new comers, also those already in the union. No fee. I expect the requirements of the board will be sufficiently intricate so they can classify the membership.

At the last regular meeting of No. 24 the following officers were elected:

Pres.—W. G. Barnes.

Vice-Pres.—Al Orne.

Fin. Sec.—Fred Lister.

Yours fraternally

J. M. RUST,
Press Sec.

WORKING RULES.

First—Any member working on a job or in a shop where non-union men are employed, failing to notify the business agent within twelve hours, shall be subject to a fine.

Second—Eight hours shall constitute a day's labor on all inside wiring, and the hours of labor shall be from 8 a. m. to 12 m. and from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Third—The wages for first-class journeymen shall be 31¼ cents per hour, with one apprentice to two journeymen, and no member of the apprentice branch shall work on any job of electric wiring except under a union journeyman.

Fourth—No member shall report at the shop or on jobs more than twenty minutes before hour set for commencing work.

Fifth—It shall be the duty of each member to always have a building trades working card with him at his work, and to show the same when requested. Any member refusing to show his card shall be fined.

Sixth—Any member transferring or lending his B. T. Council working card, or current quarterly card issued by this union, to any person, shall be fined not less than \$10.

Seventh—It shall be the duty of every member of this union classified as inside wire man, working under these rules, going to work on a job where other mechanics are at work, to satisfy himself that the job is fair, either by seeing the B. T. working card of the shop steward or other mechanics on the job. If there are no other workmen on the job he shall immediately report to the B. T. Council office or one of the business agents that he is starting to work on said job, unless he has previously satisfied himself that the job is fair.

Eighth—Journeymen who may become contractors and work the greater part of the time, taking the place of a journeyman, shall be governed by Article 6, Section 4, Constitution of the I. B. E. W. of A.

Ninth—Members, when advised to leave a job by the business agent of this union or the B. T. Council, shall do so at once, and shall not return to job or shop unless advised to do so by this union or its business agent.

Tenth—Any member working with another member of this union who has not got the current quarterly B. T. Council working card, or a permit from the business agent, shall be fined \$5.

Eleventh—Any member of this union who shall in any way violate any of the above rules shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$25 for each offense. Said fine shall be governed by Article 10, Section 5, By-Laws L. U. No. 24, I. B. E. W. of A.

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Local Union No. 27.

Baltimore, Md., July 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I am about to leave Baltimore for my summer vacation, I thought I would drop a few lines to the Worker. Everything is booming here; lots of work and good wages. The weather is very cool, the thermometer being 104 degrees in the shade, but we expect it to warm up soon.

Most of the floaters have left to pitch their tents on the Susquehanna river. Charlie J., their advance agent, left here by the B. & O. on the first and the rest will leave on July 3rd if they don't have trouble getting transportation on account of their baggage being too heavy.

George H. Gleason, of 39, we would like to know the names of the homeguards that made the hours in Cleveland. We can't remember any, or don't you remember the fight you fellows put up to give the company more time. George, you are always rapping about globe-trotters, show me the one that ever broke you. You are a good fellow, well met.

Kid Rivers left here the other day. I am sorry I did not get to see you. Wherever he lights, boys, he is 18 karat and there is no better.

Hugh Murrin, your idea on the Texas strike suited me O. K. Would like to hear from you oftener.

Well, No. 9, I suppose you're having quite a struggle with the big monopoly stick. We whipped them once and can do it again. I hope you will win. I expect to visit 21, 20 and as many more as I can while on my eastern trip.

W. J. McComber, I suppose you think I am going after the farm but I am only going to look it over.

Stanley Brennan, your brother's address is 518 N. Paca st., Baltimore, Md.

Kid Maguire, your name was spelled wrong on fourteen's books of Pittsburgh. This caused the unnecessary delay of your not receiving your card at an earlier date.

Local 27 is getting along all O. K. There are a few snakes in town but they're dying fast.

We are going down the bay on a chartered boat on July 24th and come back by moonlight. All visiting brothers and sisters are invited to join us. Bro. Hobbs

will be captain of the party, Bro. Gilbert first mate and Bro. Connelly will have the entire charge of the rudder, and you can guess who will look after the ladies. Bro. McIntyre of 39, would like to have you with me, but remember that I don't put anybody wise since I got acquainted with you and my friend Bro. Slattery.

Times are good now all over the country. I think it would be a good time to start the eight-hour law. Let's try it and see what we can do.

What has become of Martin Durkins and E. D. Hat? Wake up and let us hear from you.

This is all until I return. Goodbye.

WALTER F. COONEY.

Local Union No. 30.

Cincinnati, O., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has rolled around again when we must write a few lines to our most valuable journal and give you the condition of things in Cincinnati. Since our last letter we have had about sixty initiations and have about thirty applications pending now. Our charter was opened for one month, but it has been closed now and I don't think they will come in quite so fast as they did as our initiation has been raised to \$15 for inside men and \$5 for outside men.

The linemen of the Cincinnati Traction Co. are having a little trouble at the present time but we are confident of winning. On June 19th we sent a request to the company for an increase in wages. We heard nothing from it so appointed a committee to wait upon Mr. Todd, the general manager. He told us that he would not give us what we wanted. On June 28th we made a demand for \$2.50 for linemen and \$2.75 for foremen. They simply ignored us and we heard nothing from it. Things remain in the same condition yet, but we are not at all uneasy. They have not a lineman on the system but one and he is an ex-member of No. 30, whose name is H. C. Genrich. He is a traitor and a scab. He used to be recording secretary and we run him for city electrician one time and here are the thanks we get. He goes to work and scabs on our brothers. The condition of the trolley wires is something

awful. They are falling all the time and they have no linemen competent to repair them, so they just tie them up with ropes. The public is complaining and kicking over the unnecessary delays. We have them badly hampered and our men are out to a man, helpers and all and they are the most determined set of men I ever saw. They ought to receive support from some source or other, for these street railway linemen are the strongest organized body in Cincinnati and are too brave a set of men to see lose through non-support. Some of our members are on their uppers now but they are not even complaining. They are all manly men, sober and have families, and I for one am proud to call them brothers. These linemen certainly deserve the sympathy and support of organized labor. If we win we can get at least 100 more members to join our local; if we lose we may lose some of the weak ones we have. We can in time, if we hold together, make this as good a paying town as any in the country, and Cincinnati is considered the worst hell hole in the country as to wages and good men will not stay here long on that account. The linemen here get \$2 and \$2.25 per day of 10 hours. What do you think of that? Well, I will ring off, for I have got to go down the line.

Sincerely yours,
Business Agent.

Local Union No. 33.

Newcastle, Pa., June 20, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I wish to have a few words in our Worker for Local 33.

All members at the present time are in good health and we hope all brothers are the same. We are still adding new members to our list.

Work seems to be plentiful at present.

We had a smoker last meeting night and it was rather late when the meeting closed. There will be an election of officers next meeting night, which I will report later.

Yours respectfully,
CHARLES TEETS,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 34.

Peoria, Ill., June 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am a little late with my letter this month but hope it will reach you in time for next publication. Local No. 34 is increasing slowly; we added one new member to our list last meeting night, although the meeting was poorly attended.

I regret to say that the boys in 34 do not take the interest in the meetings they should. If they expect the local to advance they had better assist in managing the business and show appreciation of the work done by their presence. It makes the boys feel cheerful to see a full house, so be sure and attend better in the future. There is one candidate to be initiated at our next meeting.

Work is not very plentiful just now in any kind of business. The Electric Light Co. layed off five men a few days ago on account of scarcity of work.

The Telephone Co. is going to do some work as soon as the material arrives. It will commence to hang cable in a few days. Foreman Phillips, I believe, has charge of the work and has a full crew of men with him.

Bros. Howey and Reed asked for traveling cards and left for Chicago last week. Joy go with them.

Well, as this is all the news at present, will close for now.

Fraternally yours,
R. W. SHERIDAN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 38.

Cleveland, O., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, Mr. Editor, we had a picnic since I wrote you last, and you bet we had a picnic, too. We held it at Scenic Park, June 27th. One of the principal sports was the ball game between the journeymen and helpers. Score 27 to 9 in favor of the journeymen, of course, but's that nothing. Some of 39's men came out to show us how to play ball, but we beat them by 12 to 4, and I will bet four cents that George Gleason won't have a word to say in the Worker this month about it. If the score had been the other way the Worker wouldn't have held all he would have to say.

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Voltmeater Veits was the whole thing at the picnic last year, but he was not in it this year. Jack Boyd ruled everything, and when his wife won the fat women's race, he swelled up so that he could not wear his hat home.

Our membership is growing very rapidly now days, last month we initiated five in one night. Is there any of our brother locals that can beat that?

We have elected and installed new officers which are as follows:

Pres.—Frank Soup.
Vice-Pres.—Henry Veits.
Rec. Sec.—F. W. Runyon.
Press Sec.—M. G. Buchan.
Fin. Sec. & Bus. Agt., F. Estinghausen.
Foreman—H. Boynton.
Inspectors—Gainer and Ross.
Trustee—Matt. Kaska.

M. G. BUCHAN, P. S.

Local Union No. 41.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A day has been set by the officials of the Pan-American Exposition for the brotherhood, to be called Electrical Workers' day, August 22d, a day to be devoted to electrical workers. I will not go into details explaining the beauties of the exposition as there are abler pens than mine that have and will explain, but I will say that the most extensive and most elaborate electrical exhibit ever shown is here and will prove highly instructive and very interesting to all brothers who attend.

The locals in Buffalo have made extensive preparations to insure a good time and accommodations for all brothers who attend. Competitive games and races will be held at the stadium by the brothers, a list of which and entry blanks will be sent to each local at once. Local 41 has also a crack baseball nine and is open to play any team in the brotherhood.

In conclusion will say that if any brother intends to come before August 22d, kindly postpone to Electrical Workers' day and make the day a success and the day of days at the Pan-American Exposition.

Fraternally,

L. WEPPERMAN.

Local Union No. 44.

Rochester, N. Y., July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am sorry that the duties of P. S. fell on such poor shoulders as your humble servant, but as this will be my last letter in that capacity, I take the courage to write once more to let the brothers throughout the land know that Local 44 is still very much alive.

Since my last letter, some changes made by the several companies in our city have altered the plans of a few of us. Bro. Paddy Ryan and myself leave for the west this morning. I hope on my return that I will find Local 44 the same as always, one of the foremost locals in the I. B. E. W. Success to you brothers, and all electrical workers.

Fraternally,

JAMES D. HUFF, P. S.

Local Union No. 54.

Columbus, Ohio, July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In my brief communication of June 8th last, I referred to the fact that our members employed by the Citizens Telephone Co. in this city had submitted an ultimatum and were then awaiting the company's reply, which the boys had decided should come by 7 a. m. the following Monday morning, June 10th, as a condition essential to their continuing to work on and after said hour. On the Sunday preceding said date, a meeting of all employees interested was held for the purpose of considering a schedule of hours and wages submitted by the company in reply to their demands. As a matter of principle they felt and unanimously decided that the job should be union or at least that union men should be given the preference when men are being hired, and as the company declined to consider this proposition the boys declined to return to work under the new schedule submitted by the company, although as far as hours and wages were concerned it was a very good one. Consequently next morning, Monday, June 10th, found the boys on hand at the company's supply room and ready, but not on duty and determined not to be until they secured this all-important concession, viz., recognition of the union to at least the extent of giving preference to union men

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when employing linemen, inside wiremen or trouble hunters.

While there is no better company to work for than the Citizens Telephone Co. of Columbus, Ohio, still, like all other companies, and I might add unions as well, they possess a certain amount of pride and consequent tenacity in maintaining a stand when once they have taken it. This fact was fully recognized by the men and they wisely decided that the main point to be made was the securing of the concession they sought without in any way wounding the pride or injuring the dignity of their employers. All they wanted was the concession and cared not whether it came on a silver platter or a mud wagon, so they got it. They didn't even care whether it be delivered to them at all, as they were dead willing to go after it. Well, through the exercise of good diplomacy on the part of our committee, the concession was granted through our yielding to certain conditions which in no way materially impaired its advantages and at the same time preserved the company's dignity, and the boys went right to work. And now let me give general warning to all men employed in our line of business. Don't apply to the Citizens Telephone Co. of Columbus, Ohio, for work unless you carry and can show a card vouching for your being in good standing in some local of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. For unless you have got such a card you can't get work from them only in case of some great emergency and then only as long as they cannot find union men.

Following is a copy of the balance of our contract, in addition to the above concession:

Linemen—In this department nine hours will constitute a day's work. The employees to go to and from the company's warerooms on the company's time. Wages as follows: Foremen, \$3 per day, actual time, or \$70 per month straight time, at the option of the employee, to be determined upon entering employ of company; assistant foremen, \$2.75 per day, actual time, or \$65 per month straight time, at the option of the employee; first-class linemen, \$2.50 per day, actual time, or \$60 per month straight time, at the option of the employee. All linemen now employed in the

construction department of this company are first-class linemen and will be paid as such. Second-class linemen, if any are employed, will be paid from \$2 to \$2.25 per day, actual time, according to their ability. Ground men and helpers will be paid \$1.50 per day, actual time. In this department, employees working by the month, straight time, will be allowed a half holiday in July and August without deduction from their pay. Employees in this department compensated by actual time will be paid time and one-half for overtime and legal holidays and double time for Sundays if any work is required on such days. For men working on actual time and paid by the day eight hours shall constitute a day on each Saturday.

Trouble Men and Inspectors—In this department nine hours will constitute a day's work. First-class trouble men, \$60 per month, straight time; second-class trouble men, \$55 per month, straight time; inspectors, \$50 per month, straight time. The above schedule is applicable to regular employees. If necessity requires it, extra men will be employed at the following schedule: First-class trouble men, \$2.50 per day, actual time; second-class trouble men, \$2.25 per day, actual time; emergency men will be paid according to their ability. In this department, where it can be done without impairing the service of the company, a half-holiday will be allowed on each Saturday in July and August without deduction from their pay.

Inside Wiremen—In this department nine hours will constitute a day. First-class men, \$50 per month, straight time; second-class men, \$45 per month, straight time; helpers will be paid \$1.50 per month, actual time. In this department, where it can be done without impairing the service of the company, a half-holiday will be allowed on each Saturday in July and August without deduction from their pay.

The above contract is good for one year from June 10, 1901. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have set their hands by their proper officers, etc.

No. 54 has chosen the following brothers to fill the offices:

Pres.—Chas. Grace.

Vice-Pres.—Chas. Pierce.

F. S.—Wm. Creviston.

R. S. and P. S.—A. T. Willey.
Foremen—C. Athey, F. W. Fancinaugh.
Inspectors—F. Lane, G. Swartz, B. Hall
and J. Pilger.

The hottest team that ever came down the pike.

The Central Union Telephone Co. has established a monthly instead of a semi-monthly pay-day. Our boys employed by said company have entered strenuous objections to it. Two weeks is long enough to wait for one's wages and we all regard the establishment of a monthly pay-day as an imposition. However, I will be able to discuss the subject exhaustively in my next letter, and I hope by the time I write matters will have so shaped themselves that I can be able to inform you that the C. U. Co. has changed its mind in the premises. Yours fraternally,

A. T. W., Press Sec.

Local Union No. 55.

Des Moines, Ia., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At our last meeting we elected the following officers:

Pres.—G. B. Hupp.
Vice-Pres.—J. Martin.
Rec. Sec.—C. J. Keller.
Fin. Sec.—C. Laughlin.
Inspector—Murray.
Foreman—L. M. Steadman.

The majority of these have been tried officers and we can expect good results.

Work is not as plentiful here as was expected at this time of the year, although all the brothers are working so far as the writer is informed and No. 55 never was in a more prosperous condition than now.

I am happy to state that we have made a start toward getting the inside wiremen in our union, and we hope to not only be able to have the majority of them with us within a short time but assist them to a better condition than they have ever known in this city. There is no excuse nor any cause why any competent wiremen should be working for the wages they are getting here, and there never has been a time when labor was as thoroughly organized and when the employers of labor were as willing to consider the just demands of labor as at the present time in our city.

We have been painfully impressed by the

lack of enthusiasm shown by members of one of the telephone companies the past month. Brothers, where changes come as fast as the records of that company has shown in the past, it would appear to be one of the last places in the city to allow yourselves to get behind with your dues, for reinstatements in our local are getting to be no joke. If you do not believe it just ask one of our members whom we reinstated at our last meeting.

We notice in various sections of the country that locals are holding conventions for the purpose of a closer federation of interests. The writer would like to hear from all local unions comprising Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Western Missouri as to the advisability of holding a convention. The writer, being reasonably familiar with conditions in those states, is satisfied that we could greatly benefit each other by a closer federation.

I was surprised at the explanation set forth by our self-constituted correspondent as justification for the special favors asked by some of our local unions and granted by our E. B. So far as favoring allowing action taken by our E. B. to stand until the next convention we agree, then our ideas seem to separate, for when he begins to fly an imaginary kite about Squedeek or or Squedunk as an argument against those who honestly differ in their opinion, then to follow it up with a sympathetic dodge and hard-luck story as a justification for one brother union man of no superior ability, mechanically, morally or physically, charging his fellow brother union man \$25 for the privilege of working in any particular city or place where the price paid for services rendered may or may not be greater than at some other particular city or place, all phases of environment and conditions considered, the writer is of the opinion that that sort of argument will do more to defeat the proposition than twenty-five arguments in favor of the constitution on the other side. It is my opinion that the question should be settled at our next convention on its merits from a purely economic standpoint. That policy may be a sound principle as a basis for solving that great question of the equal distribution of labor's accumulated wealth in proportion to services rendered in its pro-

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duction. But, dear brothers, do not be too sure of your ground, and, should I be allowed to offer a kindly suggestion to those who think so, if you are the grand union men you profess to be, and I shall assume that you are until shown to the contrary, my advice would be that you do not bind down your delegates so tight on that proposition that they will not be allowed an opportunity to modify their positions. For there certainly will have to be some far superior arguments than have appeared on paper or the finest job of political wire-pulling that has ever been presented at a labor convention in this country if you hope to get anything better than a one to three shot in your favor in the convention.

I guess this letter will be long enough should it reach our editor in time for publication. Yours fraternally,

J. FITZGERALD, P. S.

Local Union No. 56.

Erie, Pa., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The fond hope of Bro. J. J. Reid that someone might succeed him in office as press secretary was not in vain, for the way the good brothers waded into me on election night was enough to make most anyone faint (at least it did me), and before I go any farther I would like to say that I think the boys have shown very poor taste in electing me to this office, and kindly bear in mind that this is the hardest work I have ever done, so excuse all errors.

On the last meeting night in June we elected the following officers:

- Pres.—J. Hanlon.
- Vice-Pres.—P. Jacobs.
- Rec. Sec.—J. J. Reid.
- Fin. Sec.—J. F. St. Clair.
- Press Sec.—W. E. Osborne.
- Treas.—F. M. Seaman.
- Inspector—George Aylesworth.
- Foreman—J. Kelley.
- Trustees—F. Mowry, J. Donahue, J. Miller.

Bus. Agents—P. Jacobs, Geo. Kramer.

I sincerely hope each one will realize that he has a duty to perform and will do it in a conscientious way.

Our picnic, held on Saturday, June 22d, was well attended, the day being an ideal

one, and we were honored by the presence of Grand President Thos. Wheeler and Grand Secretary H. W. Sherman, and, although neither of them seemed inclined to speak, yet I think their presence was an inspiration to all.

It is with deep regret we note the sad accident which befell our esteemed Bro. Harry Heywood, who was injured in the pole-climbing contest by a fall of about 20 feet, landing on his back and sustaining injuries which are very painful. He is in the hospital and getting along nicely, but will not be working again for some time.

Another visitor at the picnic, and one I think few of us expected to see, was Lon Carson, one of the old stand-bys, and I think he is most heartily welcomed by all. He is looking well and I hope feeling as well as he looks.

The old reliable Jimmie Reed, the pride of the nation, is certainly a wonder on committee work. If we have any nasty, disagreeable job on hand, especially if it happens to be one that calls for a little eloquent talking, Jimmie is always the boy to get it shoved off on him, and he generally does it with very little complaining and in a very complete manner. He certainly deserves great credit for his untiring picnic work, and also for the delightful entertainment in the form of a smoker, of which he was the prime mover.

The smoker was held in our regular meeting hall on Monday evening, July 1st; after the general routine of business had been dispensed with. We had a very enjoyable evening, with speeches and singing; also three boxing bouts, all of a friendly nature, were put on. The boxers themselves seemed to enjoy the sport, and their part of the entertainment was well appreciated. The first bout was between Moxey Daley and P. Hart, which was a creditable performance of the art of self-defense. Next came "Kid" Gleason and "Kid" Mathers in a four-round bout, and each proved himself to be a scientific boxer and good ring general; then came Nonnie Kane and "Kid" Gannon, and the way they indulged in the complicated delivery of leads, jabs and counters fairly paralyzed those assembled. J. J. Reid acting as referee for the three bouts, demonstrated his knowledge of the game.

Before closing I would like to say that we are doing lots of work here and there is a chance for a few "good" brothers to earn a living here, but please bear in mind the full meaning of this word good and come prepared to work and I think that good old Peter Jacobs can place you where you belong. By the way, I forgot to mention the fact that Bro. Pete was elected as delegate to the International Convention, and a happier little fellow you never saw. He walks around with the broadest smile imaginable, and was so elated over it that he didn't eat anything for over three days after election. He said he couldn't, he didn't have time, as he had something more important to think of. Well, brothers, treat him right when you meet him in St. Louis, for he is certainly worthy of it, and I think capable of representing us there.

We all smoked good cigars on Bro. Harry Cornell the other day, the advent being a new lineman in town; a little small now, but I guess it won't be long before he can help papa put up tin cans. A queer thing about this fellow is that when he is crying the only thing that will quiet him is a pair of spurs, and I suppose you all know what that means, "One of the best linemen the world has ever seen," for you all know that these natural-born linemen are above par.

I guess I have said enough for this time, perhaps too much; so I will close with best wishes to all from 56.

Faternally, W. E. O.

Local Union No. 62.

Youngstown, Ohio, July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local No. 62 has done it again, elected a good set of officers with one exception, Press Sec. Owing to the lateness of the hour I was unable to get a list of same. From the fact that a number of our boys are working at Sharon, Pa., they thought it would be a good idea to elect one of their number to assist the Press Sec. of 62, giving news from that quarter.

We are holding good meetings, purchased a fine desk for our F. S., got a No. 1 banner, which you will see at the head of Local 62 Labor Day. By the way, if any workers are near Youngstown Labor Day, come in. Good time for all. We have

plenty of work here at present. If any member of the brotherhood should find a large wardrobe or a nice covering for a banner please notify Bros. Mack and Hartman, any old address.

Youngstown was visited by a \$135,000 fire the other evening, Wm. B. Pollard's boiler shop. The telephones and the Elec. Light Co's. loss was small.

Just one more word and I am done this time. We still have a few brothers who have forgotten their obligation to attend meetings and assist in the good work.

Faternally yours,

W. E. WISEMAN, P. S.

Local Union No. 66.

Houston, Texas, July 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is my duty as Press Secretary to furnish you with the happenings of our local each month, I hope you will accept the enclosed with the usual apologies.

We are still fighting the S. W. Tel. & Tel. Co. for our rights and putting up a pretty stiff fight. Our sisters are surely game and say they will never go back until No. 66 is recognized and the Southwestern is made a strictly union job. They have been out now for eight months and will stay that much longer if necessary.

We have been remembered in this fight by a number of locals, but it takes money to win a strike so don't forget us.

At our last meeting we installed our new officers, with the assistance of Bro. Wisinger, and right here I must throw a few bouquets and say I believe they will make the very best officers we have had. Every one has been tried and found true blue. Following are their names:

Pres.—C. T. McIntyre.

Vice-Pres.—W. H. McCullough.

Rec. Sec.—B. J. Still.

Fin. Sec.—Henry Barchard.

Treas.—C. R. George.

Inspectors—Miss Effie Boyd, W. H. Wilson.

Foreman—M. G. Houston.

Trustee for 18 months—H. G. Alexander.

Press Sec.—W. H. Wilson.

We are sorry to lose our Bro. Harve Brown who goes to Pittsburgh, Pa. No. 14 look out for him as he is all right and we commend him to your care.

I will close, hoping to have something of interest next time.

Fraternally,
W. H. WILSON.

Local Union No. 83.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As there are an enormous number of strikes now pending for favorable settlement in behalf of the wageworker in every laboring craft throughout this country, I deem it to be worth while to give some attention to what is going on in this city in a struggle between the machinists and employers. There is another nut to crack called government by injunction which has worked successfully so far in behalf of the capitalists. I say capitalists, meaning those who accumulate all the wealth produced by the wage slave; he has been generally a law unto himself and is yet up now in the commercial and industrial welfare and when difficulties arise between these fellows it generally depends on the one who has the keenest interpretation of terms, phrases or words to secure their desired aims, and he who is not possessed with such qualifications, hires one who is, called an attorney. Of course it naturally follows that a good attorney is a high priced one, and the client or defendant who cannot produce the efficiency must do the best they can because these fellows don't work gratis or for the sake of justice. This is entirely out of the question, and is the situation of our fellow machinists who have had an injunction served upon them. (See page 16.)

You will take notice that this injunction is a shrewd one, because it is permanent until dissolved by the court. There is nothing specified as a temporary injunction returnable at a specified time or date. Anyway, the machinists were not altogether bluffed out but kept on picket duty, etc., as before, forcing litigation of which I can not give any further particulars than that the machinists deny all charges made against them, asking for a dissolution of the injunction and further ask that the costs of the court be granted to them. This looks like a sacrifice in an effort to get a decision in their behalf, and we will be obliged to wait for the results.

Now, I ask the gentle reader, why all of these contemptible motives? Why should the one who produces struggle so hard in order to obtain what righteously belongs to him? I can only state that some other means must soon be resorted to than the method of the strike or trades unionism will be doomed again like the guilds of England and only have to go over the same thing again and again just as it has been done for the ages of the past and never get any further than to a crisis. Trades unionism is nothing new; it is as old as we can retrace history and yet we have no laborer who can say he is much freer from the most needs of a livelihood than our industrial tramp. Oh, 'tis a fine Christian era, where the human being is not up to the level of a beast. How long will the prevailing conditions continue?

Yours fraternally,
J. D. MACK.

Local Union No. 84.

Atlanta, Ga., July 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am a little late in sending my letter in, as I have been away from the city and have just returned but I hope this will find a space in our journal.

Old 84 is still on top. We have been successful in getting a scale of \$2.50 per day for inside men and nine hours work, signed by all inside contractors. We have presented the same contract to companies working outside men, but have not been able to get them to sign yet, though the prospects, I think, are very favorable. The hardest company to deal with is the So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co., as they have about seven states to contend with, and whatever steps are taken in Atlanta will apply to all states where So. Bell men are concerned. A committee from the local and a committee from the Federation of Trades waited on the So. Bell Co. They waited on the general manager of that company, and after the committees had explained their business the general manager said he would give it his kindest consideration. We hope in a few days to have everything settled agreeably.

As my term as P. S. expires with this letter I hope the new P. S. will have something good in our next. I'm going out of

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office. I wish to send my best regards to all P. S.'s and the I. B. E. W. at large; may you continue to make your letters of such a nature that they will continue to build up the Brotherhood.

Mr. Editor, with my best wishes to you, I will say good-bye and give you the new officers elected to-night:

Pres.—Lan Brooks.

F. S.—J. J. Peeters.

P. S.—J. A. Alen.

Trustees—T. S. Spratlin, J. S. Trimble, C. A. Smith.

Foreman—A. L. Smith.

Inspts.—B. E. Whittington, Ed. Nash.

W. R. JOHNSON.

Local Union No. 87.

Newark, N. J., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hoping my letter will reach you in time. Having such a warm spell of weather prevented me from writing sooner. I will tell you that No. 87 is getting along fairly well and adding new lights to our circuit. The Fourth of July is over and some of the boys are about over the Fourth, and after celebrating feel broke up. Bros. E. Fleming and J. Saeler and a few others were celebrating the day with all kinds of fireworks, cannon crackers, caps, etc. Some of these did not give loud enough report, so one of them decided on a scheme of making a large cannon, so went and got a pole dinkey out of the C. R. R. yard, went down Hamilton street, found an iron trolley pole and cut it in half, plugged up one end and loaded it up with a good quantity of gunpowder and set it off. The result was the force of the explosion was so great it knocked some of Gus & Jim's cafe glass out, scared some of the chop suey agents, knocked Ed Fleming flat, injuring his thumb and inflicting a cut over his eye laying him up for a few days. J. Saeler got away without serious injury, along with the others. Fleming's injuries were attended by Drs. Heyer and Boldanau and he is out and working to-day.

I must tell you in this issue of a snide agent, a scab and traitor to his fellow-men; he is John Deal, or Diehl, or the former is the proper pronunciation of it. You will know of him, as he is always in some deal or other. Well, this fellow made applica-

tion as a lineman to join our local. Some of the boys of No. 87 knew of him and did not think much of him; others were willing to give him a chance. So while his application was in 87 and No. 52's shop men were on strike in Crocker-Wheeler's motor works, and a lot of scabs were working there, this John Deal was guard for a detective agency and escorted scabs to the motor works, and was a sentinel for the motor company, doing guard duty on the outside. He had a job with the W. U. Tel. Co. at Newark, and reported sick and off; went to work at the low-lived scheme, and his pay going on at the W. U. till he was reported. His application has been returned. I do not know how he has been treated with.

Work has been going on about the same here; no boom; a few changing jobs here and there. I do not know very much of how things are altogether, being down in the country, and get in only once in a while.

The United Elec. Co., Newark Division, are laying quite a lot of underground conduits on Broad street, but have not started to lay any feeders as yet for the Street Car Co.'s wires down with them. I do not know of any new jobs going on.

The Brooklyn boys, I heard, had some trouble on the street car line, elevated trolley, I believe. I have not heard how it was settled, and I would like to hear what the Boston men did over there.

The Pure Solitary Man has gone to his former haunts and scenes of his boyhood days. We all wish him luck. Let us know how you make things go, Bill.

We do not hear from Burke or Miller lately. Write a few lines, Kid.

Mr. Editor, I will not take up too much of your time. I will ask how our striking brothers are making out in Texas with their strike.

Brothers of No. 45, I hope I did not hit you hard in my last letter, but I think that some of the men holding office in our different locals should be shaken up, as they get careless once in a while; some around here in my own local, 87, need shaking up, too. They think that a few ought to do all of the hustling, get new members in, get up entertainments, etc. To make a little move it is always a few that do the hustling.

I like to read such letters as Howard H. Caldwell, general organizer A. F. of L., had in last month's Worker. He has very good views in regard to the colored worker.

I will now close, wishing all local unions of the Brotherhood success.

I remain yours truly,

R. S. MACK.

Local Union No. 89.

Akron, O., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I was one of the brothers elected to fill the position of P. S. for Local No. 89, and it is close to the 10th of the month, I will try and let our brothers know what we have been doing.

We have taken in since our last letter 18 gentlemen anxious to show their ability as rough riders, and, to give them credit, some of them would do to join B. B.'s Wild West.

The People's Tel. Co. has a gang building Hudson, O., but I understand they have nearly finished.

The Bell Tel. Co. had two gangs working out of here, but Bro. Lysinger and men were transferred to Conneaut, O., to string cable. I understand the S. D. people were looking for men at Pittsburg, Pa., this week.

All of our boys to my knowledge are working at present.

The most of the boys in this town carry the little blue card, and it looks pretty good to look down a lead of poles and see nothing but good old union men working on them.

Brothers, we want to be careful who we take in, and if a man is not first-class do not give him a first-class card. I would like to see it come to pass when a foreman wants a man and that man carries a card, saying he is a first-class man, the foreman will not have to watch him, but know he is all O. K.

I would like, if Bro. Chas. Reeves reads this letter, to have him let his old pal hear from him.

The following is a list of the officers elected for the next term:

Pres.—O. Sheck.

Vice-Pres.—O. Rooker.

Treas.—E. Blanford.

R. S.—Wm. Castor.

F. S.—O. Welker.

Trustees—Geo. Lysinger, Lee Udell, Ed. Kinney.

Press Secs.—Chas. Biddle, G. E. Courson.

I would like to make a suggestion, and that is, why shouldn't a lineman be made to take an examination the same as an engineer, and then have a law passed compelling every lineman to have a license before he would be allowed to work on a pole. The companies could not put a belt on every kid that happens to want to be a lineman, and put him to climbing. It would keep a lot of cheap people out of the business if they had to pass an examination, and it would be better for the employer as well as the employee.

I would like to say, for the benefit of visiting brothers, and also brothers who do not know where our hall is located, that it is the hall known as the Bricklayers' Hall, on Main street, between Mill and Market.

Hoping Bro. Sherman will not think I have taken up too much space in the Worker, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

GEO. E. COURSON.

Local Union No. 91.

Easton, Pa., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will take the time to let the brothers know that 91 is still alive and kicking hard for its rights. There is to be a federation of all the unions in this little city of Easton.

The bricklayers went out on strike in the month of May. Their reasons were for eight hours work and the same pay, but the bosses refused their demands. Then the bricklayers bought material to do work on their own hook, but the contractors turned and around boycotted them so they could not buy material. Next came the same difficulty with the carpenters, but they also were boycotted. To get back at the rascals a general strike on all buildings was declared where non-union men were employed. So the electrical workers went out with them for sympathy. Now things are at a general standstill through the city of Easton.

Local 91 elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

Pres.— — McNiel.

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Vice-Pres.—Samuel Richmond.
Fin. Sec.—E. Welsh.
Rec. Sec.—Geo. VanBilliard.
Trustee—Ed. Goldsmith.
Inspectors—F. Ledger, Harry Smith.

We were very glad to make the acquaintance of two brothers from Local 29. Bro. Moses has a gang in the holy city of Bethlehem doing a little construction work for the New Jersey-Pennsylvania. Bro. Edwards is also doing some work for the Bell people in that city. Bro. Kinnear put in his appearance once again in this section of the country.

Should this letter reach the sight of any of the following named they will please drop Local 91 a letter and explain why their traveling cards did not appear to the sight of our recording secretary: Cunningham, card taken out March 7th; C. S. Beckenridge, card taken out Feb. 8th; Ben. Housel, C. J. Chisholm, J. F. Sigfried.

Now, brothers, please take a little time and let 91 hear from you once again. Perhaps you are all lost in this large and lonely earth, but, thank God, I hope you are all living yet.

Some few weeks ago there was held in the city of New York an arbitration convention and among the guests in attendance were two well known gentlemen, one whose name is in the mouth of every coal miner in the United States of America. The other is known as Albert Johnson, the trolley magnate. Sorry for Mr. Johnson, for he is dead now. I must tell you a little story about those gentlemen. Mr. Johnson made the remark that he admired Pres. Mitchell's pluck during the miners' strike throughout Pennsylvania, and offered Pres. Mitchell a check for a certain sum of money, but Mitchell calmly told Johnson that he was looking after the interests of his fellow workmen and so he declined the check and it was returned to Mr. Johnson. Now, this paper doesn't tell you what the money was intended for, but should you like to know please try and get one of the papers printed in Philadelphia known as the North American dated July 8, edited by Henry George, and turn to page 9. Read that part very carefully and please let me know in the Worker what your opinion is of this matter.

I think it is about time to ring off.

Yours truly,

LUTHER BUNNELL.

Local Union No. 92.

Hornellsville, N. Y., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I guess it is about time I cut in on the line if you are to hear from No. 92 this month. Everything seems to be moving along nicely at present, with lots of work and the boys all happy. The new members continue to come in. We have two new men to connect with the main circuit next meeting night.

I. D. Wood, who was with the N. Y. & Pa. T. & T. Co. and went in as a charter member of Local 127 last year, and who did not have manhood enough about him to stay with the boys but turned scab for a \$2 a day job, is still in the city. The boys have dubbed him "Scabby" Wood and, although the name fits him like "der paper on der vall," he does not like it at all. Well, some people are hard to suit anyway.

A certain foreman on the toll line told his men that if they would stay out of the union he would see them through all right, but the men did not see it in that light but came and joined 92, and they seem to be well taken care of and perfectly satisfied, and are all good men.

The writer would like to get the address of F. C. Bisbee. Send to Local 92, care general office, Rochester, N. Y.

I guess I have done pretty well for the first time, so will ring off.

Yours fraternally, ONE.

Local Union No. 94.

San Diego, Cal., July 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Although I think Local No. 94 has shown very poor judgment in selecting me as its scribe, I will nevertheless certainly try to get something to our valuable journal each month, and let our brotherhood know how things are progressing in this "neck of the woods." I certainly noted with pleasure the kind remarks made concerning my feeble efforts in the journalistic line of Locals Nos. 18 and 56, and I want to say right here to Bro. Farrell of No. 18, that I have good reasons for thanking our noble brotherhood for all their kind assistance during all my terrible sufferings of fifteen months, and to the good brothers of the I. B. E. W., whom I have mentioned repeatedly, do I owe a debt of gratitude that I

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can never repay, as I owe my being alive to-day to their assistance and kind treatment and the least I can do is to put my shoulders to the wheel and help along our noble cause, and if possible, try to assist some worthy and unfortunate brother as they did me, and I stand ready at any and all times to do so.

Bro. Farrell, I shake hands with you that God allows me the privilege of belonging to our noble and grand fraternity, the I. B. E. W., and my heartfelt sentiments are long may it live and prosper to keep on doing the good work that it slowly but surely is accomplishing.

Bro. Reid, of 56, I thank you for your gratifying and kind comments, and rest assured you will certainly hear of me often. I see you have not forgotten how to slaughter the English yet. Jim, never mind what "Sliver" says, for I know your vocabulary is not limited. Say, Jim, are you pulling the little Edison wagon yet?

Well, No. 56, if this letter catches your eye I try to assure you that the "wandering whistler" has not forgotten you by any means and I may meet you again some day, perhaps, up in the "scan."

Local No. 94 is doing as well as can be expected in a town of this size and I feel confident with the prospects in front of it that we will before long swell our own membership considerably. I am sorry to state that we are to lose for a while some of our members, as we have our overhead rebuilding done and will have to await the completion of the underground work, which is to be started at once, I understand, by our worthy Bro., Wm. Tubman, of No. 61. Losing as we will many of our members is certainly a hard blow to No. 94, but the best of friends must part at times, and I want to say to any locals receiving a brother with a card from No. 94, that they have been hard workers in the good cause here and our loss is your gain. So use them well, boys, they are all right. Bro. Will D. Yelcar left us a short time ago for Sacramento (and other points best known to himself). I learn that he is at this writing in Sacramento and I would like to ask Local No. 36 to use him well and to extend to him what I have always known him to give to others, the "glad hand." He is simon pure and a true blue union man and

knows his obligations and has lived up to them to the letter.

Say, "Spivins," see if you can't "rustle a two-cent postal card" and write your "Uncle Fuller," he wants to hear from you. Come now, ginger up.

Since writing my last letter to the Worker I have seen, for the first time in years, a genuine hero. A few days ago Bro. Sylvester, upon hearing the cries for help from a beautiful damsel who was struggling with an unmanagable runaway horse, ran gallantly to the young lady's rescue and soon brought the fiery and untamed steed to a standstill amid the cheers of the horror-stricken wire patchers and the profuse thanks of the fair maiden. If you don't believe this just ask Pike and our giant (Kid Parshall from Kansas).

Brothers, I have been studying of late over our coming convention and hope that I will have the extreme pleasure of being a delegate and, while I think of it, I would like to call the attention of the brotherhood to the untiring efforts of our worthy Bro. H. W. Sherman, who has sacrificed much to conduct the affairs of the brotherhood as he conscientiously saw them and I tell you, brothers, its no snap at the best, and I want to ask you to look at his unstained, pure, good record as our G. S. for the past four years. When you consider who to put in for the next two, remember he has served us faithfully and I think that every conservative brother will bear me out when I say that he is certainly entitled to the consideration of the office once more. When it comes to the location of our headquarters I think it matters not where they are, and I am like the man who asked his wife who was to "wear the pants," and she replied that it mattered not who wore them just so they were worn right. It's of very little consequence where the general office is located just so we have the right man in it and he does his honest duty by us, therefore I ask you to look at Bro. Sherman's honest and fine record before you consider any section of the country to place headquarters. Say, Bro. Sherman, please don't blue pencil this part of my letter, as it's my honest thoughts and comes from one who voluntarily takes your record as a criterion.

I wish to thank Bro. Tubman of Local

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No. 61 for the aid he has given us and for his kindness, which is certainly appreciated by us. No. 94 is glad to have you in her midst to counsel and advise us. I also wish to thank Bros. Gorney, Bangs, Collins, Stewart and Ralphs for what they have done and are doing for our new local. Stick to it, boys, you are working for a noble and good cause. For a little while I think things will be dull here until after the conduit is laid when things of course will liven up, so would not advise any brothers to head in this way just at present, but will keep you fully posted through the Worker as to future prospects, etc.

Excuse my long letter, Bro. Editor; will boil it down next time if you will overlook this. Regards to you "Splicer," and Jas. Reid, and with very best wishes of Local No. 94 to our struggling locals who are out, I am fraternally and respectfully,

HARRY D. PARSONS,
The Wandering Whistler, Pres.
and Press Sec.

Local Union No. 97.

Mt. Vernon, O., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Just a few lines to let you know that 97 is on earth and getting along nicely. Several of the boys have been talking of organizing a local for some time, but held back on account of not having enough interested in it to start, but finally, on the 5th of May we called a meeting in the Trades Council Hall. There being enough present to organize, we sent for our charter and other articles we needed, which came during the next week. We held another meeting on the 12th, and elected officers which were as follows:

Pres.—J. P. Belt.

Vice-Pres.—Hugh Worley.

Rec. Sec.—J. C. Jacobs.

Fin. Sec.—Harry Weaver.

Treas.—Warren Butcher.

Press Sec.—C. R. Appleton.

Foreman—Chas. Weirrick.

Inspector—E. A. Hall.

Trustees—Walter Butcher, Arthur Auskings, W. E. Willyerd.

The trustees have secured a room on S. Main street, where we held our meeting yesterday, and will hold them on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

There being so few electrical workers in Mt. Vernon, our local will have to consist of linemen, insidemen, trimmers, switchboard men, cranemen and motormen. We have now a membership of eighteen, and hope to have the rest of them before long. Hoping to have more for you next time, I am,

Yours truly,

C. R. APPLETON, P. S.

Local Union No. 99.

Providence, R. I., July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As Local 99 is located in the city of clams, and, as you must expect, we always have plenty of shells on hand, I will give you timely warning, as all our battles are to be carried on under the rules of civilized warfare. You are hereby notified to remove your typewriter and also the office cat far beyond the city limits as I intend to bombard your office on the 10th of each month with a few red-hot shots.

I am very sorry to state that Bro. McLeod met with a very bad accident last month. He was in the act of cutting the top off a pole when it broke at the ground and, as he was in a body belt, he could not clear himself. He fell with the pole and broke two bones in his foot. He is at the hospital and is getting on nicely. Our sick committee called on him a few evenings ago and found him dressed in a beautiful pair of white duck pantalettes, and upon inquiry found they were sent to him by Aguinaldo. Norman has the sympathy of all the boys, as he is very popular among them. In the same ward with him is a native of Portugal and about all that man can do in English is laugh. Norman has taken the contract to teach him a few choice words in our language and when he gets them off you can see a streak of blue vapor rise in the room. I think when that poor "Gee" becomes Americanized and drops onto what the teacher has taught him Local 99 will have a death benefit to pay, for I think he will be inclined to spill some blood.

I think the I. B. E. W. made a grand choice in the placing of F. J. Sheehan, of Local 37, in the office of grand treasurer, as I consider him a very capable man and a person who will work for the good and welfare of the Brotherhood. As he and I

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slept on the same pillow for a long time I think I know whereof I speak.

I notice in our last copy of the Worker that some of the brothers have had their little hammer at work. We must not be too hasty in condemning each other. We must try to promote a kindly feeling among our fellow workmen. If this thing continues it will place us in a bad light before other tradesmen into whose hands the Worker may fall.

One of our members who happened to be out of work went up to Boston while the trouble was on, and you ought to hear some of the talk about him. The word "scab" was quite freely used and nobody really knew just what they were talking about. At our last meeting this man got up and stated his side of the case. He was told by members of the Boston local that the strike was off; he also stated that he was working side by side with some of the best union men in that city and gave the names of some of them. Now, you see his crime was not so great as many tried to make it. I think, dear brothers, it is high time to cut that little business out of our order. If we do not we will find out only when it is too late that we have been sowing the seeds of discontent, our members will become dissatisfied and drop out one by one and we will be left stranded on the beach as Local 39 was in the same city three years ago. I came ashore from that wreck myself and I will never forget how the breakers broke the workers in that storm.

We held our charter open for thirty days and when we slammed it together we found about seventy-five new ones on the inside. If any of the locals can beat that we would like to hear from them. There was a grand rush at the door every night. You could hear their bones crack trying to get past each other, and after they got inside there were others that cracked and cracked for fair.

Bro. Anderson would like to know how Al. Beaulett, of No. 56, is getting along, and if he ever run into a sleet storm like that of Bristol Mountain, Conn.? He also asked about one Kennedy, better known as Bones. He would like to know if he ever gave anyone "The Brooklyn Boys" since he got back from Atlanta, Ga.

At our last meeting we elected officers as follows:

Pres.—Wm. E. Sedgley.

Vice-Pres.—J. L. Denver.

Rec. Sec.—E. W. Judson.

Fin. Sec.—H. C. Riley.

Treas.—G. Goodson.

Trustees—P. Petters, C. Beauregard, W. E. Sanburn.

Press Sec.—D. J. Spellman.

Foreman—Joseph Warren.

Inspectors—W. Clary, J. Townsend.

Sentinel—V. Reed.

We are sending three delegates to the N. E. conference. Bros. Riley, Reed and Anderson are to go to Brockton on the 15th. Anderson has warpaint on and I think he will spell English all over them when he gets there.

Now, kind editor, if you will hunt up a little vacant spot in the Worker please jam this in, as I think I will call this off.

Very Resp'y,

D. J. SPELLMAN,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 102.

Paterson, N. J., July 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Just a few lines to let the members of the I. B. E. W. know what is going on in Paterson and vicinity.

Work here is not as brisk as we wish to see it, but our members are all working and men are scarce and hard to get. Have never seen so few floaters on the road, which, I think, is very encouraging, as there must be plenty of work elsewhere. The N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co. is still cutting expenses as far as possible and is not doing very much outside work this season, therefore would advise all traveling brothers that it would be hard to strike anything at this writing.

We are adding new lights to our grand circuit nearly every meeting and expect to have six or eight applications for next meeting, and I think we are doing quite good work here. We are not only getting new members, but we have been successful enough to get an agreement signed with the Independent Telephone Co. for one year, which we have been working on for the past six or eight weeks. This agreement changes quite a number of the

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conditions which the men had to work under heretofore. They were working ten hours, and it was like pulling teeth to have any overtime allowed, no time for holidays, and it seemed like a never-ending kick about stormy weather or something else all the time. About seven weeks ago the men all quit and the company could not get a man. On or about the fifth day they sent for me and claimed that there was no strike. I found that one man had sent in a written resignation which the company promptly accepted. The other two quit and called it a strike. As they did not bring their grievance to the union, all being union men, they had no right to declare a strike, so I let the company get some men pending their signing an agreement, which took some time to bring about. Although it is not the one we submitted to them, it embodies all that we asked for, and I want to thank Mr. Lindsay, as secretary and superintendent of the company, for the kind and courteous treatment he at all times accorded the committee. So all brothers who may float into our jurisdiction bear in mind to have a paid-up card and you will be as welcome as the flowers of May, and we won't charge you a cent for examination either.

The agreement and rules are as follows:

This memorandum of agreement, made this first day of July, nineteen hundred and one, by and between the Paterson, Passaic and Suburban Telephone Co. of Paterson, N. J., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, and Local Union No. 102, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of Paterson, N. J.

Whereas, The said Paterson, Passaic and Suburban Telephone Co. is desirous of encouraging a feeling of friendliness and a more efficient co-operation between itself and its employees, and a more thorough understanding, it is

Now, therefore, in consideration of the covenants herein contained, the parties hereto mutually agree to abide by a certain set of rules duly signed by the proper officers of the Paterson, Passaic and Suburban Telephone Co., and forming a part of this agreement, for the term of one year, dating from the first day of July, 1901; and it is also mutually agreed by the parties hereto that the members of Local Union No. 102

will be given preference when the company is employing linemen, providing the company has no grievance against the member of the local union applying for work. When impossible to obtain union men, the company has the right to employ non-union men, pending action of Local Union No. 102.

Rules Governing the Employment of Linemen, Line Troublemakers and Climbers, by the Paterson, Passaic and Suburban Telephone Company, taking effect July 1st, 1901.

[Where the word Company is used in these rules the Paterson, Passaic and Suburban Telephone Company is referred to; and where the word Linemen is used, the linemen, line troublemakers and climbers are referred to.]

Hours—Nine hours employment will be considered a day's work, and the hours of labor will be between 7 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the evening, or 7:30 in the morning and 5:30 in the evening, at the option of the company, with one hour between 12 and 1 o'clock for dinner.

Wages—The rate of wages for linemen will be \$2.50 per day for nine hours labor, as above, with no loss of time on account of stormy weather.

Emergency—Linemen and all employees of the company are subject to emergency calls, at any hour of the day or night.

Overtime—Time and a half will be paid for all overtime. Overtime meaning all labor performed other than the regular hours.

Holidays—The following holiday schedule will be observed as far as the maintenance of service, safety of plant and obligations of the company will permit. Linemen will be expected to report for duty as usual on all holidays and then may be relieved providing there be no trouble, at the discretion of the company's officers. Work other than the care of actual trouble, if required, will be paid for as overtime.

Employees who do not report for duty on holidays, the day before a holiday, or the day after a holiday, unless excused by an officer of the company, will receive no pay for any portion of the holiday.

January 1st, New Year's day, no work, full day's pay. February 12th, Lincoln's

birthday, half day's work, full day's pay. February 22d, Washington's birthday, half day's work, full day's pay. May 30th, Decoration day, half day's work, full day's pay. July 4th, Independence day, no work, full day's pay. Labor day, half day's work, full day's pay. Thanksgiving day, no work, full day's pay. December 25th, Christmas day, no work, full day's pay.

From time to time during the summer season, the company, at its option, will grant half holidays on Saturdays, providing the work of the linemen encourages it and the business of the company will permit.

Union men will be employed whenever possible and no discrimination will be made against any officer or member of the local union of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The company will endeavor to give two days' notice to linemen when laying off or reducing gangs.

Paterson, Passaic & Suburban Tel. Co.
J. W. LINDSAY,
Superintendent.

[Union men meaning only linemen, line trouble men and climbers.]

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have this day first above mentioned set their hands and seals by their respective officers.

The Paterson, Passaic &
Suburban Telephone Co.
GEO. A. POST,
Vice-Pres.

[Seal]
Attest:

J. W. Lindsay,
Secy.

International Brotherhood
of Electrical Workers,
E. J. CLANCY,
Pres.

[Seal]
Attest:

Frank H. Holmes,
Rec. Sec.

Paterson, N. J., June 22, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

We are still cutting in services as you will see, for we are not dead yet. At our last meeting we elected the following officers:

Pres.—E. J. Clancey.
Vice-Pres.—J. Benden.

Rec. Sec.—V. Graglia.

Fin. Sec.—Bennett.

Treas.—J. Colvin.

1st Inspector—Chas. Powell.

2d Inspector—Chas. Phalon.

Foreman—Gaffney.

Trustees—J. Eldridge, J. Zimmerman,
D. Carens.

This being my first letter and as my light's getting dim, I will pull the switch.

V. GRAGLIA.

Local Union No. 109.

Rock Island, Ills., July 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, brothers, as it is time for another letter, I will try and fill my office as press secretary and am glad that I can say that No. 109 is doing finely. As I stated in the last letter, we asked for a little raise of two and one-half cents an hour and I am glad to say that we got it without any trouble, and most all the boys in the three cities have got in line with us and prospects for No. 109 are of the best.

There isn't very much work going on here at present, but most of the boys are working. The Iowa Tel. Co. is busy laying the conduits for its underground system in Davenport.

Well, the Fourth is over and a pretty quiet one it was, too, but everybody seemed to enjoy it, regardless of the hot weather.

Bro. Joe Bundage is back with us again and the boys are all glad to see him.

I wish to state for the benefit of the brothers of 109 that we have seen fit to discontinue the sick benefit for a short time at least, but hope that the brothers won't feel sore about it as it was for the best at present.

At our last meeting we installed the following new officers:

Pres.—Chalmer Scarth.

Vice Pres.—W. C. Bloom.

Fin. Sec.—F. C. Garwood.

Treas.—J. T. Marron.

Rec. Sec.—H. F. Mickey.

Press Sec.—Ed. Love.

1st Insp.—Geo. H. Briggs.

2d Insp.—Chas. Eyman.

Foreman—James Dolner.

Well, brothers, as news is pretty scarce here I guess I will have to ring off and try to have more to tell you the next time.

Before I close, I wish to thank our grand secretary in behalf of No. 109 for the part he took in settling the death claim of Bro. Dickman. We received the money all right. With best wishes to all brothers, I remain,
Yours fraternally,
E. E. LOVE, P. S.

Local Union No. 115.

Austin, Tex., July 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At our meeting of June 22d, it being the night of our semi-annual election of officers for the ensuing six months, the following named members were chosen to fill the offices opposite to their names, to wit:

Pres.—T. E. Mason.

Vice-Pes.—A. A. Baker.

Rec. and Press Sec.—B. F. McKaughan.

Fin. Sec.—B. F. McDonald.

Treas.—K. Von Boeckman.

Foreman—C. L. Hampton.

Inspectors—George Frigel, Jr., P. F. Moody.

Trustees—R. N. Leak, P. C. Smyth, Geo. Frigel, Jr.

M. C. Granberry, on motion, was recommended to President Gomper, of the A. F. of L., as legal representative of that order in Texas.

The new telephone construction gang has been among us now for some time, but owing to the fact that material has been very slow to arrive for their use they have not as yet put on a large force of men. A more quiet, orderly, unobtrusive set of men has never visited our city than these telephone people.

The writer met and held a long conversation with Supt. McCreary regarding union matters some three or four weeks ago, and can say with perfect faith that I think Mr. McCreary will meet us half way on any reasonable proposition and go hand in hand with us. There has so far been very little friction between them and the union people of this town, and that I think was brought about chiefly by a lack of understanding on the part of the new telephone people as to the status in Austin labor union of what is called the "Federal Labor Union. This little friction was satisfactorily settled through a committee of the trades council and all is well now.

There came to these parts just previous

to the convening of the state legislature in January last, an individual styling himself as "Captain Calvin C. Ross, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor." What that word "general" in his title meant no one, not even Jerome Jones, who was here about the same time, seemed able to solve. I do know, however, that he held a commission from President Gompers as an organizer, and as a "general" thing the union people here were made to pay for dodgers issued by him announcing that "Capt. Ross" would do thus and so under the Auspices of the Austin Trades Council. This dodger paying and auspices racket was successfully made through one or two individuals friendly to his cause in our trades council, as the truth of the matter was he was never more than barely tolerated by the union people of this city and was never granted any authority by them at any time. Mr. Ross worked the legislature as a lobbyist and later tried his hand in our city politics that ended in the election of April 1st. The meddling of a stranger in city politics of that nature brought on friction that no doubt was disagreeable to Mr. Ross, for it led for the first time to his being asked for a card of membership in some union. This the gentleman failed to produce, but I learned through a prominent member in one of our unions that he made application for membership in his order but the necessary one dollar membership fee not being forthcoming the union declined to consider the matter further.

A letter from President Gompers, of the A. F. of L., was received some three or four weeks ago instructing the Austin Trades Council to appoint a committee to wait on and demand the turning over to them of Mr. Ross' commission as organizer. The committee was duly appointed and their report at last meeting was that they had seen that gentleman on the matter but that he had refused to resign it unless said trades council would allow him to know who were his accusers. Mr. Ross is, or was some days ago, still in the city, but the doors of all unions are barred to him so far as I know, and as the facts herein set forth being in line with instructions to press secretaries of all unions affiliated with the Austin Trades Council at its last

regular meeting, the publication of the matter brought about by his refusal to resign his commission in obedience to the power creating it may be a more serious matter than Mr. Ross bargained for.

The clerks' union made a fight for 6 o'clock p. m. closing in stores about two months ago that resulted in all the prominent stores agreeing and signing to close up at 6 p. m. until October 1st, except two only and to begin on June 1st and end on June 30th unless the two exceptions noted above also signed before July 1st. The clerks' union apparently used every available effort to get these exceptions to sign before the time was up, or the fight was lost. It was finally brought by the clerks to the trades assembly on last Tuesday, June 25th, and turned over to them. The old saying of "in unity there is strength" was amply proven in this case, for every union heart in this city at once responded at call, and public opinion, that greatest of all American principles, was brought to bear in a very few days so forcibly on these two large stores that they sent for the committee from the trades council Saturday evening late and signed the agreement, and 6 o'clock closing of stores in Austin until October 1st, except Saturdays, is now an assured fact.

This is a victory of the pen and not the sword, and well may the union cause in Austin feel proud; as it is our first fight since the organization of our trades council, and without a strike or a disorderly act of any kind.

I think I voice the sentiments of the union people of Austin when I say that public opinion will be the weapon we will fight our battles with.

Respectfully,

MACK,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 120.

London, Ont., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Just a few lines to let you know we are still alive and adding to our numbers occasionally, and although most of the members are away we have some very interesting meetings. We are considering the advisability of changing our meeting night and rooms, as some of our brothers are so

weary after working all week that they can not get up to meetings Friday night. We intend celebrating Labor Day at St. Thomas, a town about 20 miles from here, but more next month about this. Bro. Mann has been and gone and done it, and we hope in time to have our numbers swelled by a lot of little Manns. Good luck to 'em.

Yours &c., PEG.

Local Union No. 121.

Denver, Colo., June 30, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Our officers for the next six months are as follows:

Pres.—A. J. McMullan.

Vice-Pres.—E. L. Layne.

Rec. Sec.—W. H. Brown.

F. S. and P. S.—B. B. Flack.

Foreman—Matt Corrigan.

1st Insp.—J. J. McCormack.

2d Insp.—Ed. Doll.

Trustees—O. M. Brown, Thos. Mannix, C. O. McClelland.

We had to elect a new set of trustees, as the old ones had either left town or got lost in the woods. I would like to make some remarks favorable to the officers, and after looking them over, both old and new, I cannot see but that each one has done his duty by the union fully and conscientiously. Our treasurer, David Reed, is O. K., and although his term does not expire until Jan. 1st, the boys tried to get him to run for another office. He refused, stating that in view of his magnificent salary (the amount of his dues), and the fact that he was able to loan the lodge's money at two per cent., pocketing the receipts (he probably has \$50 in the treasury), he said he could not see where it would be policy for him to accept an office that had no salary attached and in which he handled no money.

This last term has been a hard one for Local 121, but we pulled through it in good form and are at the present time stronger and better united than ever. The boys are getting a better understanding of the benefits of being united and in harmony, and the true spirit of brotherhood is being felt more and more. In a way we have difficulties to overcome that are different from any other locality in the United States. A great many people come to this

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gold country expecting, within a short time, to make a fortune, not figuring that it takes as great or greater efforts to accomplish their object here than elsewhere. Consequently, we have a large percentage of soreheads and the feeling of soreness prevails through all classes. As a result, if any little difficulty comes up it is magnified way out of all proportion by these soreheads so that it takes a great effort to get things right. Understand me, I have no reference to anything special. I simply cite the above as a condition that may to some extent explain why the western people do not appear as progressive in unionism as our eastern brothers.

I wish again to call the attention of our traveling brothers to the fact that by sending me their address they will get the Workers regularly, providing they are in good standing on the books.

In our last Worker, I see that our G. P. warns us about building up our locals on the basis of furnishing first-class, competent workmen, and that each man make himself more competent. This is good, sound, foresighted advice, but it seems pretty hard for a body of men with different views to make a distinction between the ability of an applicant and the fact that they want him in because he is working at the business.

There are a large number of traveling cards out of 121 that have never been reported transferred.

Where were Locals 12, 68, 70 and 113 in last month's Worker? Do not let one press secretary write the news of the state as he may give the wrong view of things.

Local 121 gives a public installation July 11th. There will be specialties, dancing and refreshments. We look forward to a good time.

Some of our members will be surprised to find what a small percentage are paid up to date. Every member should keep his dues paid up in full, then in case of hard luck he would have three months to go on before he stood suspended. I would like to see every member appoint himself a committee of one to see, first, that their own dues are paid up and then that the rest are informed of how they stand.

Some brothers ask how much they owe and when told throw up both hands and

holler. The dues will accumulate if not paid promptly, and then it causes hard feelings to find you owe more than you think. Read up your constitution and see what a difference getting behind makes with your death benefit. I have each brother's standing in a little book that I carry all the time, so do not be afraid to ask me how you stand.

Fraternally yours,

B. B. FLACK, P. S.

Local Union No. 123.

Wilmington, N. C., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, as it is time to let everybody hear from us, I have cut in to say Hurrah for the I. B. E. W. Now I will tell you why. I have been holding a position with the city government for three years as a fireman and superintendent of fire alarm, and got \$37.50 as a fireman and \$10 extra to look out for the alarm plant, and had to sleep in an engine house at night. Well, after studying the principles of I. B. E. W.-ism I concluded that I was cutting myself, or some one else, out of a paying position, so I asked for more money. They, instead of talking to me, went right out to get a man at the same salary to take my place. Thanks to the I. B. E. W. I kept them guessing for a week and at last they hired a man at \$15 per month, who was discharged from the same position on account of inattention to duty. Nice man to tie to for position of that kind. The first little \$5 Bell job he gets off he will go, and the fire alarm can look out for itself until he comes back, as there is not a man in Wilmington who will put his hands on the plant if it was on the ground from Hilton to Drypond. Just want to say I am working and have time enough between spells to draw a long breath. In connection with the above I wish to publicly thank Bro. D. B. Holland, of No. 179, formerly of this union, for his stand in the matter. There is a little work going on here. If a brother wanders in with the long green we can look out for him for a while.

Following is a list of our new officers:

Pres.—E. B. Burkheimer.

Vice-Pres.—W. A. Lawrence.

Treas.—E. C. Yarbrough.

R. S., F. S. and P. S.—John T. Yates.
 Foreman—R. J. Sellers.
 Insps.—J. F. Kelly, J. G. Kurl.
 Trustees—W. W. Thigpen, John W. Scott, A. H. Weedon.

Well, I guess I will cut out for this time.

JNO. T. YATES, P. S.

Local Union No. 124.

Galveston, Tex., June 17, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Thinking it is about time something should appear in the columns of the Worker, I now take hold of the pen to write a line or two for Local No. 124. Brothers, do not think this local is dead or out of existence because you have seen nothing in the columns of the Worker; we are here yet in this flood suffering city, and here to stay for a while, that is Local 124.

Now, brothers abroad, no doubt you will be surprised when you read this article to hear that Local 153, composed of outside men, has consolidated with Local 124, and as soon as we elect our new officers we will notify all locals and brothers through the Worker of the same. I will explain how this consolidation came about. Local 153 was organized here after the storm, and you all know how it is when a town has suffered—how we all do when we are on the road without work and traveling—we flock to the town which has suffered from a cyclone, storm or hurricane, which blows down the lines of telegraph or telephone companies and, it being our business to repair such work, we seek it, and as there was a great many floaters drifted this way the outside men thought it best to organize a local for themselves, consequently No. 153 came into the ring. Now, as nearly all of the floaters have left Galveston, what few members are left, mostly home boys, thought it best to consolidate with Local 124, and make one strong local in preference to two weak ones, or in short one or the other had to throw up the sponge.

Now, brothers, don't think we are getting weak by consolidating. It is true we haven't any too much work here. One-third of the inside men are idle and two-thirds of the outside men, but will say that nevertheless all brothers who should

happen to float this way or drop in the city will always find a few brothers at headquarters to entertain and do every thing possible to make it agreeable during their stay in the city and they are always welcome.

All brothers of 153 have had a hard row to hoe; but two of them are working and the others are doing anything they can, but that isn't enough to feed one, for there is nothing going on here at the present time. I would suggest to all locals that if they have any spare change, to donate it to 153 as it will be appreciated, not only by the strikers but by their wives and children, as they are in hard circumstances and need all they can get. They have been out of employment since the strike against the S. W. T. & T. Co. was called out. They certainly have proved true blue or otherwise they would have proven false by going to work for the S. W. T. & T. Co., because they were well thought of by the manager.

Before cutting this short will announce to you all that Local 124 has expelled from the union: One O. Lorenzo, who was once well thought of by all trades unions, but since then has squandered and spent funds that belonged to Local 124 without the consent of that body. So, look out for him, boys, as he is a black sheep and by expelling him we think we have done justice to the local and the I. B. E. W.

Ho, central has cut me off, so good bye for this time.

Fraternally yours,

WM. KLAUS,

Rec. Sec.

Local Union No. 127.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has once more arrived to let the good old union brothers know how 127 is prospering.

Well, the boys are all busy at present. Bro. Don Cole has quite a large gang on outside construction for the Citizens' Electric Co., all good union men, too. Old Monk won't have anything else.

We took in one new member at our last meeting. Bro. Baxter, we're glad you're with us. There are only a few left outside now, but we're after them and we

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hope they'll see where they're at pretty soon.

Come to meetings, boys. I know it's pretty warm to be inside, but we ought to stand it for an hour or two once a week.

We are in receipt of a letter from Local 52 asking us not to handle any Sprague or Crooker-Wheeler Elec. Co.'s apparatus, as the brothers of 52 are out on strike for better wages. Local 127, I. B. E. W., does positively refuse to handle any of the above-named companies' machines until they are again counted on the fair list.

Brothers of 52, stick to it, and with the support of all the members of the I. B. E. W. you can't help but win out.

We have been successful in organizing the carpenters here with 19 charter members.

Well, I have written all for this time, so will close wishing all union brothers success. Yours fraternally,

EDD WORDEN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 132.

South Bend, Ind., July 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this is my first letter to you, I don't think I can write very much, for this is a newly organized union. Up to the present time we are doing very nicely; we have at present 20 members in good standing with prospects of 10 or 12 more. We took in seven new members at our last meeting.

Work in this city is fair and everyone is busy. The street railway is doing some work with three union men and I think they will extend their line soon from South Bend to St. Joseph, Mich., a distance of 45 or 50 miles.

The C. U. Tel. Co., of South Bend and Mishawaka, is rebuilding the city of Mishawaka under Foreman J. Reynolds—union foreman and union gang.

Jay O. Young, who organized us, is doing all he can for the good of the union and I think that we will pull through all O. K.

Jay O. Young would like to hear from Ed Hard and Jack Griffis. Address Jay O. Young, 1014 S. Lafayette street, South Bend, Ind.

As this is about all I can think of for

this time, I will close, hoping to have more news for you next time.

Yours fraternally,
C. H. SOMMERS,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 134.

Chicago, July 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As Bro. Davisson is just taking hold of this office as well as the office of recording secretary, he has his hands full and he has requested me to get out this letter. There is no special occasion to say that the weather is very hot, but I will mention it just to get a start at this letter and fill in.

The duties of officers of a labor organization, if properly attended to, demand the officers closest attention and his most business-like action. This comes to my mind when I take into consideration that we are directing our efforts against capital, and the ammunition it will buy to kill the wage worker, whose capital is his hands.

The writer believes in better education along lines pertaining to our craft for the organized electrical workers, believing such will cause a greater demand for our services, which will partly overcome the objection that we are union men and all that that entails, and he thinks it is the duty of the members of the organization to prevent themselves from getting rusty.

I suppose you have all read by this time how that bunch of multimillionaires, Morgan and his chums chartered the best deck of the Atlantic liner Deutschland on their return from Europe last week, and did not allow common people to associate with them, and did you ever think who really paid the passage? I wonder how they could get any better satisfaction for isolating themselves thus. I'm from Missouri.

Work in the city is just about the same as at last writing. A few members are out but it's pretty hot now anyway. The future outlook is favorable, barring possible labor troubles.

This is the last letter you may expect to receive from the writer so far as he knows now, but he will continue to do his little mite for the good of the organization and consider it a duty and a pleasure. Bro. Davisson will hereafter enlighten you through these columns monthly and I

don't doubt that he will be a great credit to your humble servant.

I am, fraternally yours,
F. J. BURCH.

Chicago, July 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Since last writing by Bro. Burch, he has quit the job he held so long and well—he has well earned a rest.

Last Tuesday our new "bunch" were initiated, or rather the old ones with one or two changes. Wm. Young was replaced by Harry McKenzie as President. C. J. Bacholt, V.-Pres., W. Cleff, Fin. Sec., Edwin Archer, Treas., hold their same places, as does Rube O'Neil, inside guard. F. B. Davisson succeeds Burch as R. S. So you see we change but little. Tommy Lee still holds good.

Business is good and nearly every fixer is drawing regularly. It is too soon to say much about the future work, except that it is ours. Hot, hotter, hottest expresses Chicagō nowadays, but some relief is promised soon.

Bro. Geo. Johnson lost his baby at 3 o'clock this morning and we are sad with them. It was their only one, a little girl.

Will have to close now but hope to improve next time. I am not "onto" my job as yet. Success to the Worker.

I am, fraternally,
F. B. DAVISSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 142.

Wheeling, W. Va., July 7th, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will not occupy much space this month, as I have neither time or inclination. Will say for a starter that our trouble is over with the Bell and peace reigns once more. While we did not get all we asked for, we got enough to satisfy all hands. We are now working nine hours at \$2.55 per, and the 3 year gag is no more and the black sheep have departed for other pastures. It is too long a story to tell, but suffice it to say that our venerable Uncle Tom Wheeler brought us together and the rest was easy. Liners are as scarce as hen's teeth here and several good jobs open.

Bro. Bill Hanback, Mike Collins and Joe Celyn blew out on a string of B. & O.

red ones a couple of days ago. Good luck, boys, wherever you are, as you are O. K.

Glad to here from you, Red Likes, come again. A friend of yours (he said he was a cousin) was here \$900 strong bound for the Pan-American and it made me cry to think of you so far away and him here looking for you and with all that dough.

Well, brothers, we have had a chapter of bad accidents in the last few days. On June 30th Bro. Wagenheim had his foot run over by the line wagon, breaking several small bones. On July 1st, Bro. John Blackburn, late of L. U. 39, while working on an 85 foot pole, came in contact with an alternating circuit and was knocked to the ground, alighting on his feet and injuring himself so badly that he will be another "Old Crip," his spine, leg and arm being broken and his body paralyzed from below his shoulders. Despite his terrible injuries he is still alive and it looks now as though he will live.

Bro. Ed. Johnson, our financial secretary, is slowly recovering from typhoid fever and Bro Bert MacComber is laid up with a rupture he received on the island a few days ago. Taking it all together it has come pretty tough for the last two weeks and we are wondering who is next. We have a few new ones here, Oliver Blunt, liner, and Pat. Carlin, cable splicer (otherwise known as Paddy the pig) who would like to hear from his many lady friends by mail as he expects to stay here until after Mardi Gras Carnival.

We would like to hear from some of the boys that were in Johnstown or have them come home here and get acquainted.

There is another thing I will speak about and then close, that is when a local changes an officer that is supposed to receive money they should immediately notify the general office, as we have had a great deal of trouble in this respect and there are great many officers published in the directory that have left months ago from their respective locals. Well, so long,
SPLICER.

Local Union No. 151.

San Francisco, June 28, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

You're doomed to listen to another series of "hot air" gushes, as 151 has com-

mitted the unpardonable folly of electing me to fill another term as press secretary. So take this "puff of atmosphere" as a starter.

Things among linemen of this city have been going much to our liking this last month, as all the boys are working at present and applications are coming in bunches and the ranks of the "scabby" 'Phone are beginning to look less formidable every day. There have been but few ruffles on our sea of progress of late, and the only thing I know of since December is a little matter with the California Special Messenger Co., which was doing line work with messenger boys. Well, to make a short story long, Bro. Burchill volunteered as a committee of one to look into the matter, and although the messenger boys did call him a big fat bum, and said he was looking for a job, we are satisfied that it was his efforts that unionized the shop, for we have on the board the application of the only lineman in the company's employ. A brother who will brave a set of messenger boys to secure an application is all right.

In our endeavor to bring the trimmers into our union we decided to open our charter for sixty days, and the result has been more than pleasing, and before the charter is again closed I hope we will have them all.

No. 61 has a worthy exponent in the person of their press secretary, Bro. Bailey, but dear old "Gos" is worthy of the best the land produces. Bro. Bailey, kindly remember me to the other boys. I am especially anxious to hear from Jack Davis and Walter Smith.

We have selected to succeed Bro. Johnson as our president, Bro. Coone, whom we know from his past record will administer to his own great credit and his union's, and we sincerely hope that the conduct of our future meetings will be marked by strict adherence to the rules of order.

I regret that my last letter did not appear as it was written, as the modification left some of the statements appear rather vague, while in the original everything was clear.

Hoping, Mr. Editor, you will pardon my little grievance, and enclosing the names

of our newly-elected officers, I beg to remain,
At your service,

RAY SCOTT,
Trouble Hunter.

Our officers for the next administration:

Pres.—Geo. Coone.

Vice-Pres.—P. Peterson.

Rec. Sec.—Joe Leonard.

Fin. Sec.—S. C. Edwards (champion wood walker of the Pacific).

Press Sec.—R. W. Scott.

Foreman—W. H. Wilde.

Inspectors—Sam Smith, Jake Gunther.

Trustees—L. A. Wiseman, long; Robert Ruffles, short.

Labor Council—M. J. Sullivan, W. P. Stanton.

Ex. Com.—E. J. Howell, J. J. Gawan, C. W. Birchill.

San Francisco, July 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Ere my last letter has reached its destination, it becomes my painful duty to write again. This time with sad thoughts and reluctant pen.

One of our beloved brothers has been snatched from the midst of his loyal friends and sacrificed on the altar of the tyrant corporation for which he worked. He was loved by his friends and had no enemies. Though forced to work with a band of scabs, no truer or more loyal heart ever beat. Such a life it was that was sacrificed to the incompetency of scabs and the indifference of a rotten corporation. On the 24th of June last, at our regular election, our departed brother, Wm. Wilde, was chosen by his fellows to the office of foreman, where he will never officiate in the flesh, but if it pleases his soul he will have the everlasting password to 151, and he may guard the door to his sweet content. His term will never be filled.

Our brother met his death on the 29th of, or rather the morning of the last day of June, at the corner of Ellis and Taylor streets, this city, where he was working with a house moving outfit for the Edison Electric Co. He was a lad of limited experience in the handling of live wires, though willing and brave, and, knowing this, those in charge either sent him or allowed him to go up a pole in the dead of

night where death surrounded him on every side in the form of grounded guy wires in the midst of a three-arm lead of heavily-laden light wires. The pole on which he died had three arms, between the first and second and the second and third of which was a heavy steel guy, each being secured to an iron trolley pole without any insulation whatever. Such were his escorts to the "bourne from which no traveler returneth."

R. W. SCOTT,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 152.

Ft. Scott, Kansas, July 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the time has come around once more to write a few lines for the Worker, I will try to enlighten the readers of the journal of some of the things we are doing here. First, every fixer in Ft. Scott carries a card except one, and we don't want him. Here is a little clipping from one of our daily papers:

Organized labor is gaining a foothold in Fort Scott and in the course of a few years every trade in the city will have a labor union. One of the strongest trades union in the city is the electrical workers, which was formed some months ago. It now has a membership of forty and is growing. Every electrical worker in the city belongs to this body. At a meeting of this union on Wednesday night several new members were taken in. They are James White, R. Wagner, John Penn and Chas. Ninnick, making a clean sweep of every electrical worker in the city.

The electrical workers meet weekly in Drake's hall on East Wall street and are doing some good work for the cause they represent. It would not be supposed that there were so many people engaged in this line of work in the city. They are employed by the Consolidated Supply Company and the two telephone companies.

We have changed lodge rooms and now we meet in the B. of L. F. Hall, 701 E. Wall street every 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights of each month. We took in four new members last meeting night. The A. F. of L. organized here last month and now has a membership of about 200 and expect to make this a strictly union town

in a short time, and that will be a big thing for the fixers for before they organized we had the only union here.

As I have been away for some time and just got back a few days ago I don't know much to write about, but will say we had an election last meeting and the officers are as follows:

Pres.—Jas. Runkle.
Vice-Pres.—Jas. White.
F. S.—W. S. Craighead.
R. S.—C. E. Kitchen.
Treas.—J. F. Tegarden.
Foreman—Walter Corfelt.
Inspector—J. Penn.
P. S.—Jas. Runkle.

Bro. Chas. S. White is pushing the gang for the light company and he is O. K.

Bro. Fred MacElwain is still with the Mutual Tel. Co. All the boys are working at present but have got everything in fair shape and there may be a lay-off any time.

Hello, Bro. Forbes, of No. 10; how are you? Let me hear from you. I see by Worker you got a raise. Good for No. 10.

Hello, 144! How are you getting along? How far is it to Winfield, Bro. Stimpson?

If any local picks up the card of Bro. O. F. Pratz, he is O. K. Let us hear from you, Bro. Pratz.

Well as I have burned about 450 volts I will pull the switch and sink in darkness for another month. With best wishes to all, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

JAS. RUNKLE,
P. S.

Local Union No. 160.

Zanesville, O., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has rolled around again for another letter in the Worker, and it falls to my lot to represent No. 160.

Zanesville is blessed with a boom at present. The Zanesville Tel. & Tel. Co. is putting in a plant. The work is being done by the Reserve Construction Co., Mr. James Slattery general superintendent. The poles are nearly all set and the underground cable gang is expected anytime now.

The C. U. Tel. Co. has a gang in here now doing rebuilding. They have moved into their new office and everything is

working fine. Mr. Ed. Cline is the general superintendent.

No 160 is not behind the times any, but is in the front row. We have had about 20 traveling card men drop in and some new ones come in every meeting. We make them ride the goat and do it proper. The C. U. Tel. Co. gave their men a raise of 25 cents, making \$2.50 for 10 hours. The raise was given without asking.

The following officers have been elected :

Pres.—W. M. Graham.

Vice-Pres.—Jobe Simmons.

Treas.—A. E. DeLong.

Rec. Sec.—E. W. Jordon.

Fin. Sec.—C. L. Tyner.

Foreman—Lace Bowman.

Inspectors—C. Wilson, H. S. Cuningham.

Trustees—Simmons, Smith and Jordon.

C. L. U. Committee—Simmons, Cuningham and Burnett.

I will have to cut out for this time.

WM. TEMPLE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 163.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

No. 163 is down in the list of Locals in our worthy journal but otherwise is not known outside of our district. Our press secretary was circumstanced so that it was impossible for him to get in a letter during his term, and that is why the brothers of 163 haven't received any news from us. My receiving the white ball at our last election for press secretary I suppose great things are expected of me. If so, brothers, I'll try my best to come up to the mark of your expectations. 'Nough said, so here goes.

We were mustered into the ranks on the 18th day of February, 1901, under very gratifying circumstances. We take in all electrical trades and our recruiting station is always open for the right kind of men. Any traveling brother with a paid-up card is welcome in our ranks.

I will now try and explain the glorious victory we have won from the Cent. Penn. Tel. and Supply Co. So if you will spare me the space I'll fire away. The standard wages all through this district has always been \$2.25 per day until the new telephone

company located at Scranton and Wilkesbarre got under way. Then the superintendent of construction, Mr. John Tauboldt, gave us \$2.50 for 10 hours. That was two years ago; since then the new company paid \$2.50 while the old company paid \$2.25. We asked for \$2.50 last winter, which they refused but promised verbally to give straight time \$2.35 per day and if it rained a day and we made a start and quit we would receive the day's time for it. All went well until the 28th day of May, when the company informed their men that that issue was called off, so the boys quit work and presented the case to the two locals, No. 163 of Wilkesbarre and 81 of Scranton. As the first gang to quit was in Scranton and both gangs were working under the same contract, Locals 163 and 81 joined hands and went to work and called special meetings, elected a committee and prepared agreements which were presented to the company on the 6th of June, to be signed by the 12th of June. They ignored the whole business so we gave them 24 hours to reconsider. Still we heard nothing, soon our president called a strike on the C. P. T. Co. at noon June the 14th and when the company saw we meant business they said they would meet a committee of their own men and to call a special meeting which we did and sent the committee to them and this is the agreement agreed to by the company and Local 163.

NOTICE TO EXCHANGE LINEMEN.

On and after this date this company will pay the following rate of wages to experienced and competent linemen, who may be employed on exchange maintenance at Wilkesbarre and Scranton :

Wages to be at the rate of \$2 25 a day for each day of ten hours and to include half holiday on Saturday afternoon at full time.

The Saturday half holiday to remain in effect from date thereof until October 31 inclusive, 1901, and from May 1, 1902, until June 30, 1902.

NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION LINEMEN.

On and after this date this company will pay the following rate of wages to experienced and competent linemen, who may be employed from time to time on general construction work at Wilkesbarre and Scranton :

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Men to be employed from day to day as circumstances may determine, and to be paid at the rate of \$2.50 a day, for each ten hours. When on country work or where board is provided by the company the rate shall be \$1.75 per day for each day of twelve hours.

From date thereof until October 31, 1901, and from May 1, 1902, to June 20, 1902, each lineman who shall be in the employ of the company at the time shall receive a half holiday on Saturday afternoon at full time at rates noted.

These notices are dated June 21, and are signed the Central Pennsylvania Telephone & Supply Co., W. R. Pryor, Jr., division superintendent.

So the strike was called off and we went to work on the 24th of June and I can say truthfully that a gang of linemen were never used better and never worked better than the Wilkesbarre gang have this last week, and our half holiday on Saturday comes in fine, don't it boys? You can see we practically work but nine hours a day during the summer and we can't work more than 9 hours in the winter time and we expect in the future to pull it down to 8 hours a day. I would like to show the loyalty of some of our men and of some who were not in the ranks of the union. Perhaps some of our western brothers will recognize the name of Thomas McKune. If so, you know him to be one of the whitest men in or outside of a union, we can thank Bro. McKune, we call him brother because he needed no obligation to bind him to principles and right. Suffice it to say every lineman here has a warm spot in his heart for Tom. We mustn't forget the non-union gang who laid down their tools and said when the noon hour came "Mr. Woamer, we won't work until this is settled," and three of the non-union men in name but not in principle lived 120 miles from here and were brought here to take the places of the men who quit work. They paid their own fare here, which the company promised to pay back in 30 days, thinking that the boys would work if a strike was called so as to get their carfare back. How little they considered those men's honor as man to man, but these brothers in principle showed some of our union men without

principle and who took the obligation to be loyal at all times that it takes men of principle to make a personal sacrifice for the benefit of others, which I am sorry to have seen lacking in some union men who were personally interested. So, brothers, if you ever meet these three men extend your right hand in welcome for No. 163's sake, and if they haven't joined our ranks try and get them in. They got away from us before we could put the goat on them, but we have one back with us whom we expect to add to our circuit. Now, put these three men's names down on your welcome list, C. E. Smith, of Centre Hall, Pa., James Gregg; Forest From, of Centre Hall, Pa.

While standing on guard the 18th of June around the Court House square, word came to us that we had another light added to our already well lighted circuit. He took the obligation at Bro. Love Lynch's headquarters. They say he is a hummer. Well, if he is like his father you can see unionism in his eyes. May you have the best of luck with the first young lineman in 163, Bro. Lynch.

We would like to hear from Bro. Joseph Hoskins if around Philadelphia.

A few words more and I will enjoy my 4th of July dinner. In conclusion, I am glad to say for a mixed local we are getting along famously and every member of 163 was loyal all through the strike.

P. S.

Local Union No. 166.

Calgary, Alta., July 1st, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I was unable to have a letter in the June number of the Worker, I thought it wise to write a short epistle for the July number.

Well, brothers, at I am not in Winnipeg as you may all see by my letter, I therefore cannot give you an exact account of how things in our line are progressing, but from reports I believe Local 166 is still doing business in the right way.

We have received letters of recognition from all electrical contractors in the city except one and am quite sure that he will be easily brought in line.

I believe the boys in 166 are beginning to take more interest in the meetings.

Our worthy president, W. Girard, is certainly rounding them up and encouraging them to speak their minds. Success to you, Bill.

I am not certain how line work is in the Peg, but think inside work should be picking up considerably, as there are a great number of buildings under way at present.

I believe we added a couple of new lights to our circuit last month. Just a few more and we will have all of our craft in line and then we will be O. K. for anything that may turn up.

I will endeavor to give you a short account of what a few of us are trying to do in Calgary (Calgary is on the map). We are endeavoring to rebuild the telephone plant here and are progressing favorably, considering our drawbacks. We have been here almost a month and it has rained a little nearly every day, so you see we are having our troubles. The town is a very pretty little place, but pretty quiet except for the noise the broncho busters and cow punchers kick up. Any person used to life on the prairies will know more about it than I can tell. Some of them are tough enough to spit blood or eat railroad steel, and that's no lie.

We are all looking for the June Worker. It must be late this month. I am afraid some of the boys will lose their regular sleep if it doesn't turn up soon. That speaks well for the paper.

I think it would be wiser if all the press secretaries would try and have a letter in the Worker every month, if possible, as we like to hear from you all.

Well, brothers, I think this will be my last letter to the Worker for a time, as we are having an election of officers next meeting and as I will not be in the city will be relieved of my office. Hoping the craft every success I will bid you all au revoir.

On behalf of 166, I wish all sister locals success and prosperity.

Yours fraternally,

A. R. HOWARD,
P. S.

Local Union No. 167.

Bowling Green, O., June 27, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, it is time to write again, as I want to have our letter in in good time. Every-

thing is booming here, plenty of work and not enough men to do it. We had the good fortune to get a raise to \$2.50 per day, so you see we can't complain. We took in three new members on our last meeting night and expect more.

We elected officers at last meeting but as we have only got things started we put in the same ones over again:

Pres.—Otis Mollencop.

Vice-Pres.—C. D. Simmons.

R. S.—Frank E. Morse.

F. S.—J. H. Brown.

If any of the brothers should happen to come this way they could have a job, but the only ones that can work here must have the green card.

Hello, No. 8! We never called on you yet but will some time and we also extend an invitation to you. I saw in the last Worker that Bro. Mart Craven had left his card with you. Well, Mart is all O. K.

Hello, Nick C! Why don't you write and let us know where you are?

Well, as it is too hot to write any more, will ring off.

Yours fraternally,

FRANK E. MORSE.

Local Union No. 174.

Mansfield, O., July 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At our last regular meeting, May 27th, we elected some new officers, and among them I was elected press secretary. I did not care for the office then, and much less at present writing.

As this is my first attempt, please publish all mistakes, and oblige P. S.

No. 174 is coming to the front very rapidly, as you will notice as you advance in my letter. We have 22 members together with four applications for our next meeting night. The town is strictly union in our business with the exception of two, viz., Leonard Cornwell, city foreman for C. U. Tel. Co., and Victor Depue, toll line foreman for the same company. Both refused to become members of our local and intimated that they would scab first, which they have since done.

Bro. J. E. Fendrick, of 174, foreman for the C. U. Tel. Co., and working nothing but union men, was obliged, through Mgr. J. S. Hoffman, to trade gangs with Depue.

This our brother lineman would not agree to and called the job off June 20th. Mgr. Hoffman did not seem to like the idea of countermanding the order and proceeded to emigrate linemen on the 21st. They showed up at the supply room in the morning, big four in all, of which I here give their names: R. B. Cross, Shelby, O.; Jud Mitchell, Martell, O.; H. Elliott, residence unknown; Wm. Reese, Chicago Junction, Ohio.

Some of our brothers gave them a talk and explained the situation. This had no effect; they were bound to work and they did until the 23d, when Mr. Hoffman asked the local to present its terms. We called a special meeting and in our terms asked for a raise of 25 cents on all day men and \$5 on all monthly men, together with the immediate discharge of the scabs and Bro. Fendrick to retain his old force. This was accepted by the company and the brothers were all down to business again by the 24th. The scabs are down on the farm chasing potato bugs and Messrs. Depue and Cornwell are not allowed to slide down our cellar door without a written pass from the manager.

No. 174 had taken up a small collection for our brothers in Boston, but owing to our little trouble at home, we put off sending it thinking it might be needed. Luckily we did not have to break it and will now send it to No. 117, of Temple, Tex.

Mr. Editor, I will endeavor to finish this letter by giving you the names of our officers:

Pros.—Harry Kissane.

Vice-Pres.—H. L. Barr.

Rec. Sec.—Robt. Gourley.

Fin. Sec.—J. E. Fendrick.

Foreman—Robt. Cairns.

Press Sec.—R. D. McIntyre.

Trustees—Chas. Barr, Ralph Sweiranger, John Barr.

Inspector—Jack Culp.

Now, Mr. Editor, as it is growing late, I will close, extending the best wishes of all the brothers of 174 to all those who may be in need.

Hoping that I will not get more than a life sentence in the O. P. for this little bit of scribbling, I am,

Yours fraternally,

R. D. MCINTYRE,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 187.

Oshkosh, July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the president of our union told me to write or get killed, I will try and do a little something.

No. 187 was organized the 11th of June and as there are but a few electrical Workers in this part of the country we are trying to fix the companies so they will hire nothing but union men and if we get them it will be all day with a man if he has not got his little green or blue ticket. The following officers were elected:

Pres.—Jos. Wilson.

Vice-Pres.—Chas. Stracy.

Treas.—Chas. Vale.

Fin. Sec.—P. S. Bixby.

Rec. Sec.—Robt. Waters.

Inspector—Emil Prong.

Foreman—A. E. Burnett.

Trustees—J. P. Kelsch, Emil Prong, A. E. Burnett.

No. 187 meets every Tuesday night at 69 Main st.

As ever,

J. P. K.

Additional Locals

Local Union No. 3.

Brooklyn, N. Y., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The reason you failed to hear from Local No. 3 last month was on account of our approaching election, which kept us all busy scaring up votes and sharpening our little hatchets. I believe we had as honest a vote as was ever cast by this or any other organization at our last election, for, as many of you are aware, we have two factions. But I am happy to say that they both work for the interests of No. 3 first, last and all the time.

We elected Bro. Ed. Kelly senior delegate and Bro. Mike Stanton junior delegate, and I hope they will chase up our delinquent members so we can collect the long green wherewith to pay them their weekly salary of \$30. I do not mention the amount with the intent to make it appear large (as this is only a small amount of our weekly expenditures), but rather to create the impression that \$30 a week is

none too much, provided a delegate perform his duty faithfully and does not put in part of his time each day in a corner saloon.

We have elected the following ticket for the ensuing term:

Pres.—D. H. Armstrong.

Vice-Pres.—Chas. Du Bourg.

Treas.—James Morrison.

Fin. Sec.—Mike Jarvis.

Rec. Sec.—George Whitford.

Bus. Agents—Ed. Kelly, Mike Stanton.

Trustees—Frank Joyce, J. Flanagan, Paul McNally.

Almoner—Mat. Smith.

Statistician—A. Metterwald.

Foreman—F. Baker.

Insp.—E. Kloter, J. Ganey.

Exec. Board—Wm. Broomfield, M. Bergen, J. Duval, A. Wichmann, G. Willard, J. Miller, H. Grieger.

Exam. Board—Wm. Hogan, J. McCullough, E. Fitzpatrick.

I was pleased to see our friends in Washington come forward and give us a little encouragement. While we are not afraid of call-downs and set-backs, we still maintain the virtue of appreciating a friendly hand; and Bro. Red, since this is your nom de plume, we are much indebted to you, and know you plenty much, as Bill.

I notice No. 9 has an insurance scheme which it would like to nurse between now and the next convention, and while the scheme in itself is all right, it is out of place when you couple an insurance feature to a labor organization. Look at the number of locals and your per capita sheet and then talk insurance. If a man wants to get insured he need not join a labor organization, as he can get insurance on terms suitable to most any mechanic, provided he wants it.

In conclusion, I would say, don't talk insurance, but devise some means of maintaining harmony and a full treasury before you go thinking of schemes to deplete it.

Respectfully yours,

W. GRIEGER;

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 7.

Springfield, Mass., July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Not having seen much about No. 7 in the

Worker last month when there was plenty to write about and comment on, our press secretary must have been in a trance or under some awful influence to keep him from doing his duty. I heard he was sick, but as the warm wave has got by and I did not read of his death in the papers, I suppose he is on the road to recovery by this time.

Well, the strike is still on with the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. and the United Electric Light Co. and will stay on for all time or until they make a settlement, and it will be well for all floaters to keep away for a time or until they know there has been a settlement. We don't know how the companies are getting along with their scabs, but according to reports it takes about five scabs to fill one man's place, with business very good for the ladder makers. So you see while business is poor in one branch it is good in another. All the brothers who went out on strike have found work in other fields and, while we did not like to see them go, we know they can get along without the company far better than the company can get along without them, and the companies are finding out the worth of a good man.

If some of those officers who are spending the good money of the companies were asked to throw away some of their own in the same manner they would say the stockholders were getting crazy, but their milk is limited and won't stand watering like a corporation. Some of the petty officials of these companies made their boasts they would break up the union and have the men who had the courage of their convictions blacklisted throughout the country and keep them from gaining a livelihood and starve them until they cried for mercy, and then they could gloat over them and have them call them "Mr." and take off their hats when they saw them coming, like they used to do when they were dragged up, and when they again return to their native land after losing their foolish and hungry look they may find some one foolish enough to take off their hat to them. This can't be done in a free country like ours, and the quicker they eat a few fishes' heads and get some fair brains the better they will be off.

When those scabs draw their pay on Sat-

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urday evening they must feel small when they stop to think how they hold their jobs, not because of their ability as workmen, but because the workmen who had ability and manhood asked for their just dues and quit when they were refused. The scabs showed them dirt and stayed with the job, as they knew they would never get another. Quite a number are working for their cousins and brothers and that is all that keeps them afloat.

About breaking up the union, they will find before next December that this body will be livelier than ever before and will wonder why.

We had an election of officers last night, resulting as follows:

Pres.—M. Farrell.

Vice-Pres.—J. J. Malony.

Rec. Sec.—A. J. Holmes.

Fin. Sec.—D. B. Ahgreen.

Inspector.—T. J. Walling.

Foreman—Val. Voucher.

Wishing all brothers health, wealth and prosperity,

M. F. H.,

A Member of No. 7.

Local Union No. 9.

Chicago, July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As you have not had a letter for some time from No. 9, perhaps you thought our press secretary was dead, but he was on a strike, and as long as there was none of the other boys doing anything he refused to write, for that is work. So at the last election he was canned, and by way of punishment we elected him financial secretary, and yours truly was given one more chance to redeem himself by writing a letter.

About six weeks ago all the boys working for the Commonwealth El. Light Co. decided they could use about twenty-five cents more a day in their business, but when they told the "Man" about it he didn't believe them; so all that was left to do was to strike, which seventy-one of them did. That was all the union men that were there, and they held out for a little over six weeks. In that time there was not a deserter from the ranks. Every man was in town except six when they came to settle, which they did last Friday afternoon. They only got 12½ cents a day

increase, but they got several concessions in the way of straight time and overtime that makes the settlement satisfactory all around. In the time the men were out the company succeeded in getting about ten scabs who called themselves linemen, and they were armed with big guns and put on wagons with police to protect them, and sent out. There were about two linemen (?) on each wagon and eight or ten scab grunts on each wagon, all with protection in their pockets. They were as bad scabs as the rest, for when the strike was called all the old grunts refused to act until the strike was called off. Some of the office force got out and did all they could to beat us, even to writing to their friends to come and get the good (?) jobs that were open, but it seems that their friends were busy and couldn't come. The district superintendents did everything they could to beat the boys, especially the Southern superintendent. I want to give him some advice. If he and I both don't mend our ways we will meet after we are dead, and the meeting place will be below; so if he don't want to go there he better mend his ways.

There is a scab by the name of Dudley on the south side that they gave the glad hand to and promised a fat job, general foremanship, I guess, but if he has a job ground-hogging in a week from now he will be doing well. They had another scab that tried handling both sides of an alternating circuit at the same time, and was killed instantly. He gave his name as Wilson, but some of the byys say his name is Anderson, but it does not make much difference now, for he will never bother a good union man who is trying to get what his labor is worth again. Some of the scabs on the north side got to fighting among themselves and two of them were badly twisted after the fray, and, as is usual in such cases, the company was cruel enough to say the strikers had something to do with starting them to fighting, and they got out warrants for three of the boys, but only one of them was served. That was Bro. Kelly; but you know where all the police court men come from, and Kelly was from the same isle, so how could they convict Kelly? The north side had the largest scab list. They had about five of the rats. There was Jim Strong, Mike Ry-

der, G. Nuswinter and Beale and another one whose name I have not got, that are born scabs, and the lowest kind, for they have not got the excuse that they need the money for their family, for all their money goes to support some needy saloon, and any saloon keeper would stand them off if they went on a strike. The best we can hope for in the case of such dirty rats as they are is that when Gabriel blows that horn they tell us about, these snakes won't hear it.

There is a telephone company started in Joliet and Aurora that had an idea that linemen did not require much money to live on, so they gave \$2.50 for eight hours, and got along nicely until they got a bunch of fixers started, and then another strike lasted about fifteen days and they gave \$2.75 for eight hours, and now they are wondering where their men are, for they can't find over about four of them. If any brother with the right kind of goods on him lights there he is sure of work, for they want all kinds of men, mostly card men. The Bell here is putting on men too; in fact work is plentiful around here just at present, with good prospects of it remaining that way for some time.

It is not necessary for me to tell too much this time, so just wait for the next letter and I will tell you more and I hope better news than you get in this letter.

At the last election the following officers were elected:

Pres.—W. A. Jackson.
Vice-Pres.—H. L. O'Neill.
Rec. Sec.—J. L. Collins.
Fin. Sec.—P. Cullinan.
Foreman—F. Matlin.
Press Sec.—J. E. Poling.

J. E. POLING,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 10.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Trusting that it is not too late for the July issue, as our local has been electing new officers, and as they were not installed until last Monday night we were not able to give you any news.

No. 10 has had a ground (officially), and several times it has shown itself in different ways. But we believe after getting

together all our officers and mustering the best talent available to fill the different positions in our local that we have cleared away all of this trouble, and believe we can safely say test out a million ohms.

The following brothers are the officers elected in their respective offices:

Pres.—J. W. Berry.
Vice-Pres.—Lee Haden.
Fin. Sec.—Thos. H. Fobes.
Rec. Sec.—Chas. P. Bolz.
Press Sec.—E. E. Rines.
Trustee—Phil. Haden.
Inspectors—Bros. Lutz and Fleming.
Foreman—Bro. McCullough.
Business Agent—F. E. Swift.

The first meeting after the above officers were installed they took things a little tame and considerate and did not act like a new broom sweeping clean, but you ought to have seen those boys the second meeting night. The meeting opened promptly with every officer at his desk, and his coat off, and his pencil sharp, and the president had all his data for the meeting in front of him. If you every saw clock work at a local, it could not have worked any better. We had a large volume of business on hand and several grievances to take up, besides 15 applications Bro. Swift had brought in from the Telephone Co., as he had been working hard during the week. He may not be able to climb poles, on account of his advanced age, still he is in the prime of life and now is the time to enjoy it, but he surely can hustle for applications in membership, and is accomplishing great results. To him we contribute the success of the telephone men, the linemen and the street car men of last month. We believe in him we have the right man in the right place. While we do not expect to have as many members and be as large a local as some, we are endeavoring to make an ideal local.

Bro. Pres. Berry made four good appointments for the Central Labor Union when he appointed as delegates Bros. Burkhart, Hornstein, Lance and Riggs. Bro. Phil. Haden made his report on the condition of the treasury, which was very satisfactory and acceptable. Bro. E. T. Moler is in Greenburg, where the boys are out on strike. He is using every effort possible to settle the difficulties. Among the non-

union men the following is a list who are trying to do the work, but are not experienced: Chas. Rogan, Dick Logan, Chas. Johnson, Ezra Fortune, Ed. Davis, Ed. Short, George Maddicks, Walter Shively. The above are trying to be linemen. From the nature of his letter we should judge they are making poor progress. Among the ground men that are non-union the following are the names: Frank Lohre, Tom Ham, Robt. Baths, Ed. Lamsters. The above information furnished by Bro. Moler, who is on the ground at Greenburg fighting the battle, and reports prospects good of winning. A. Hoffmeyer is looking after the good of the union at Columbus, and William McDonald is also picketing at Marion.

Trusting you will excuse all errors in this data for the week. Having only been installed as press secretary 24 hours, I hardly had time to go into the matter minutely, but tried to give you the outlines as to what we are doing. Will try to be better informed at my next writing.

Fraternally yours,

E. E. RINES,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 29.

Trenton, N. J., July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I was elected to the office of press secretary and this is my first letter I will try and let the boys know that we are all alive. We are getting along fine. We got two of our old members back last meeting night and expect to have them all rounded up again this fall. They are very wild but with the assistance of Bro. Manley, who has been elected business agent, we expect to get them all back again.

Local 29 held its election of officers last Tuesday night, resulting as follows:

Pres.—Chas. Cunningham.

Vice-Pres.—W. Brister.

Fin. Sec.—Chas. Constaner.

Rec. Sec.—F. Carr.

Trustees—T. Fitzgerald, J. Johnson, H. Manley.

Foreman—D. Frazer.

Inspector—W. H. Halford.

As this is all I can think of this time, I will ring off.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. HALFORD,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 31.

Duluth, Minn., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It again behooves us to stop a minute to remember that this is about the last chance to get a few lines in the best of union journals. Our members seem very much pleased at the new dress which the Worker is appearing in and many remarks are made about it by outsiders who see it.

Our last election of officers resulted as follows:

Pres.—Chas. Rinn.

Vice-Pres.—Chas. Manthey.

Rec. Sec.—N. J. Hunt.

Sec.-Treas.—M. A. Hibbard.

Sergeant at Arms—Thomas Marks.

Trustees—A. Otto, Murdock McIver, R. Jennings.

Press Sec.—Yours Truly.

Besides the election of officers we have had considerable other excitement around the corners to talk about. The inside wiremen got tired of a 9-hour day and thought their wives and other persons needed them home to supper by 5:30 p. m. instead of 6 o'clock and that they were getting up 30 minutes too early every morning. So, after some discussion and after we gave the shops a chance to give us the 8 hours peaceably, we called a strike and had a little rest of two days, at the end of which time the contractors offered us the 8 hours, which settled our troubles for a year.

Then the linemen, who work 10 hours, got tired right quick, so they asked for 8 hours and in lieu thereof all of them quit work, both union and non-union, except three or four whose names you will probably see later. Manager VanBergen, of the Commercial Light & Power Co., told the boys before the close of the first day that he would agree to the 8 hours. As some of his men put in a great deal of overtime at time and a half the difference in salary list was quite a sum, but Mr. Van has ever proved himself a friend of ours and willing to do the fair thing. So his men returned to work the next day. Not so, however, with the two telephone companies. The Bell and the Zenith City (independent) have fought each other at every turn of the road previous to this strike. But now what did they do? The

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managers of the two companies got together as thick as two peas and connected their desks by a Bell phone to fight the strike. They soon found some of their cables cut and advertised extensively \$500 reward for information about persons doing that.

But the best help for the boys came from an unexpected source. Counting to-day we have had four violent electric storms within two weeks and to say that the two systems are on the bum would be putting it mildly.

We are informed on good authority that on a certain night and day lately the operator at a 100-drop sub-station of one of the companies was on a panic during her working hours because she said her entire board was dead. To the great credit of the linemen of the country let it be said that not a floater scab has gone to work here and perhaps it is just as well for them as this is a good union town and the sidewalks sometimes get too hot for a scab here.

The strike was endorsed by the building trades council and by the trades and labor assembly who appointed committees to work with ours and also donated us money. The boys are still out and it seems reasonable to suppose that they can win this in the end.

Yours fraternally,
TROUBLE SHOOTER,
Press Sec.

P. S.—The boys here feel slighted to think that "Uncle Tom" forgot while in Minneapolis that a different set of men had organized Union No. 31 since he was here seven years ago and feel that we were entitled to a visit from him.

Local Union No. 32.

Lima, O., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Failing to get in the news of Local 32 for the past couple of months, will try and make up for lost time.

Work is plentiful and men without cards never stop, for they know what would happen to them if they did. We took in three deserving boys of Wapakanetta, O., who went out for more wages and won without difficulty, for their foreman, Harry O'Hare, is a hustler. We need a few more Harrys. We also had one candidate last

meeting night and will have three for next.

Well, brothers, the marriage of our financial secretary and treasurer, Edward Kraus (I guess a whole lot of you knew him) was a swell affair, at least we felt swelled (that is our heads the next morning). Mr. C. Lee afforded us some tall dancing and Bert Davis is now taking lessons of Kraus on married life and is building a home for two.

Mr. Chas. Hatt, well known by No. 9, has charge of construction under the Reserve Construction Co., of Cleveland, O.

I think by the time for another letter we can give the brotherhood a little different scale of wages from \$2.25 from daylight to dark, which is the present rate.

Brothers don't forget about our next convention. It is not far distant. We will have considerable to look after.

As I have a burnt hand which I got trying to see how much over 500 volts I could stand off the trolley, I will wind up with a list of our newly elected officers:

Pres.—O. Snyder.
Vice-Pres.—Geo. Diemer.
Fin. Sec. and Treas.—Ed. Kraus.
Inspector—Kirk Wilson.
Foreman—Jack Neff.
Trustee—Frank Reynolds.

Wishing all locals brotherly love, I remain, the seldom heard of,

GEO. DIEMER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 37.

Hartford, July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The Southern New England Telephone Company's employees in the several departments have for the past two months been working on a nine-hour schedule, the company having voluntarily granted the shorter work day. The Hartford Electric Light Co. has also established a nine-hour day, and since the first of July those in their employ have been working on that schedule.

There are no linemen who belong the I. B. E. W., nor has there been any since the difficulty between the union men and the Hartford Electric Light Co. on Dec. 15, 1900. We desire to have the fact stated in the Worker, that the matter between the union and the Hartford Electric Light Co.

has not been settled in any way and 37 will not allow any union men to go to work there until it is. I desire to state that the union has not suffered in any way and that this is one strike where the union has shown its importance. All we ask is all union men to steer clear of Hartford, we will take care of the others. Two non-union men were influenced to quit, and when they did it practically left the Light Co. without any men and they have lots of work ahead.

The weather has been extremely warm here, but as it has been general we were not the only ones who suffered. The new Local, 86, inside wiremen of Hartford, have been slow in getting into the harness, but when they do get started we believe that they will be of material assistance to No. 37.

Indications point to good business in this section. There have been very few line-men looking for work and all who are working look to continued employment. I am late in getting a letter in, so will cut it short for this time.

Fraternally,

SHEEHAN.

Local Union No. 39.

Cleveland, O., July 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

Once more the time approaches that the scribe must try and think alike for all the members and give out some crisp news. Well, here is some that will hold those sleepers for awhile. A friend of mine who has held these same jobs down for a number of years kindly furnished me with some facts and I have done the best I could in the matter.

"The past year has been one of importance to trades unionists. Many strikes have taken place and success has not always crowned the efforts of the strikers, but the whole world is growing to recognize the fact that the cause of labor is one of justice and humanity. With the great corporations and combinations on every hand, and the greater part of the wealth of the nation in their hands, what is left to the worker but to meet organization with organization?

"Now, Mr. Non-unionist, I want a little plain talk with you. Why do you brag that you get the union wage and don't have

to belong to the union to do so? Don't you know that it is the union that made it possible for you to get such a wage? And did you ever stop and think that you are a non-unionist because you are too mean to pay dues, and help keep the wage up, or too cowardly to join the union from fear of the boss? Did you ever think what a contemptible cur you are, anyway? Now, Mr. Non-unionist, be a man; join the union of your craft and help to push the good cause along. Get into line so as you can look your fellowman in the face and say: 'I am a man, and my children shall never have it said to them that their father was a scab.' Come in with us; we want you all. Don't delay, but come now.

"Well, Mr. Union Man, a few words with you. Don't think just because you are a member and your dues are paid that your whole duty is done. You should remember that your union has meetings, and they do business at these meetings that may interest you. Anyway, it is your duty to be there. Committees are appointed, questions of vital importance come up, and you should be there to register your vote. In fact, if you are a union man, be one in every way. Do your duty as a member. Attend your meetings. Study the labor question. See that the union label is on all the goods you buy. Don't patronize scab dealers who carry scab goods in stock. Be a worker in the grand movement for the organization of labor. You will then be doing your duty. If we should gain industrial harmony, we must work all together, and in the interests of all. Each for all and all for each."

Well, Mr. Editor, one more month nearer the convention, and I hope some of the locals throughout the country are taking interest in this convention. There will be lots doing and it will take lots of good, hard work on the floor of the convention to accomplish good results. There is one change needed, which is that the I. B. E. W. should adopt the stamp system of handling dues. Buy them direct from the grand officers, and then a certain sum can be set aside for a defense fund and a general fund can be started from the remainder of the per capita tax. By only allowing a fixed amount of per capita for certain funds we will in a short time have a good,

large treasury. This has been tried by other national and international organizations and they have got their start in this way, and can show good results. If we could get this equalization system started for the handling of the entire finances of the I. B. E. W. we would be in line. But the day will come when the small locals will be on equal standing with the largest locals in the I. B. E. W., so that a member, no matter where he is located, can have all the benefits he has in his home local. He will pay the same amount of dues wherever he goes to work, and locals in poor financial standing can get support from those locals that have lots of money, and the small ones can help the big ones, and all will be working on the same order. Perhaps some other press secretary can go further along this line. I have broken the ice on the system of equalization.

Here is good food for thought and an article for some other press secretary. To think of some way to stop this continual string of dead-beat floaters. We had some working here in Cleveland who took cards out and forgot to pay their board, and they even went so far as to throw down a brother member of Local 39 who stood good for their board at the Wellington Hotel, personally. Their names are well known and if they do not get a move on themselves and straighten out matters there will be something doing in the near future that will surprise them. So look wise. When floaters strike the town and find good boarding houses and then jump out and leave a brother member who had to stand for them in the first place in the hole, it is wrong, and some day they will see their mistake. So think over this matter and take some action before it is too late.

The world renowned Hatt Bros. paid No. 39 a visit and are working in this district. Chas. Hatt is working for the Reserve Construction Co. at Salem, Ohio. Bro. L. E. Carson (Spider) dropped in on the push and looked over some tree trimming jobs, but he forgot his shears and could not get started on an extra fine grade of poplars that Bro. Gilmore had in stock.

Grand Pres. Wheeler paid us a visit and all members were glad to see him.

Trade fair, prospects for lots of work in

the near future. Picnic July 13th. Look out for a long list of catastrophies. Red Peter Jacoblisky from Swantown, with his rail-splitting gang and Rocky Mountain, and Pot Hook Little, chief of the Crucible Indians, are due to arrive by stage on July 13th.

Say, Pop Snyder, why don't you answer letters, and quit that side stepping.

Yours resp'y,

GEO. H. GLEASON.

Local Union No. 40.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The press secretary of No. 40, being detailed on committee work in regard to the strike, requested one of our brothers who lives in goose town to write a genuine old-fashioned letter, with the required old-fashioned quill pen, to make it genuine, to the Worker for the June issue. After making the feathers fly in goose town till it looked like a snow storm in January in getting the required quills and shaping them, he started his letter, telling about the troubles in St. Joe. The weather being hot, his mind began to wander who was going to set 'em up and, not being used to those ancient pens, his finished writing looked like Chinese characters. He tore the letter up and our traveling brothers, of whom there are many, got no news of this region.

The trouble is, when a strike was declared our brother linemen all took cards, leaving a half dozen to fight the battle.

Will state that the Citizens' Telephone Co. here signed our scale for \$2.40 for 10 hours, union men to be employed and the brothers of the new phone company all went back to work. After working five days, Manager Dr. Newell put back to work his imported scab student from Chicago, who came here and scabbed on the union men. In consequence all the union men walked out again, the condition the matter stands in at present writing.

The Mo. & Kan. Co. offered the brothers' requests verbally but would not sign any agreement, as they feared they would have to in other cities in this district if they signed with us.

By our next letter we will have a complete list of the men who scabbed in St.

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Joseph. Most of them could not hold a job under other circumstances, some having two weeks experience at line work. The New Phone has detectives watching all their leads and has offered \$100 reward for any person caught tampering with their property, which is a ruse to gain public sympathy. The supposed linemen, Dr. Newell, manager of the Charity Co., employs will soon put the company on the hummer without the linemen turning their hands over.

We had Bro. Roth up from Atchison last month, who gave the boys some ideas and wise consolation.

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Local Union No. 50.

Belleville, Ill., July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No word from No. 50 has appeared in the Worker for some time, but it is not due to our falling from existence, far from that, for we are the liveliest set of men. The fact is our press secretary's office is vacant, as he has gone to new fields to work.

There is plenty of work here at present. Every lineman in town is working, and we had to send to No. 2 to get a few men to help out on account of the carnival given by the Elks last week.

Bro. G. D. Rankin and J. L. Halcomb, better known as the bum kicker, left last week for the north to spend their money, but they are all O. K. and we wish them all the good luck there is. Bro. Cliff Gamble, foreman of the Bell Tel. Co., thought he was smart so got married. Bro. Gamble, we all wish you a long and happy life.

By the way, our hall by the square is no more, as we were burned out some time ago. We saved all our fixtures and are now located on North Illinois street, one-half block from the square and still meet every Monday evening. Our meetings are well attended in spite of the warm weather, for we have a small room, but expect to make a change soon.

Bro. Stormy Fergusson of No. 2, who has been working here for the last week, met with a mishap. He was on one of the arches over the gate when he fell and sprained his ankle, and the doctor says it may be a week or so before he can get out.

All the telephone boys are out of town

working on the toll line at present and they have plenty of work here also.

Following are the names of the new officers:

Pres.—Henry Christian.

Vice-Pres.—A. G. Ward.

Rec. Sec.—A. Bertschinger.

Fin. Sec.—D. M. Mallinson.

Our meeting last night was a good one and the hottest No. 50 has had for some time. Excuse mistakes, and let everyone be happy, is the wish of your brother,

D. M. MALLINSON.

(Percy.)

Local Union No. 58.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, here it is, nearly too late for me to write, but am going to say just a few words at least. We are all doing very nicely again, but our attendance is falling off somewhat.

We had a little excitement in the union for a while, and while it lasted our attendance was good, but as soon as we quieted down again the boys turned their attention elsewhere on Thursday night.

We have a few men here who will give you the glad hand and talk unionism to you until you would think they were the originators of it, but when you look them up you find they are from five to eleven months behind in their dues. Such men are just a little better than a scab, and should be shunned by all the boys until they get back into line again.

We very much regret the loss of P. J. Fitz Gerald, who moved to Albany the first of the month to take charge of the construction of a new telephone plant in that city. Good luck to you, Bro. Fitz.

Bro. Jimmy O'Hare had the misfortune to fall from a pole while at work for the Home Telephone Co. in Tonawanda. Jimmy belongs to No. 45. He was pretty badly bruised up but no bones were broken.

Bro. Wickwire had his face badly burned in the Falls a few days ago, but is improving nicely.

Hoping this will find all the locals enjoying prosperity, I am,

Fraternally yours,

C. C. CADWALLADER,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 72.

Waco, Tex., July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Acting under instructions from the president and F. S. of No. 72, I will try and let the world hear a word from us. It seems to be a hard matter to get a P. S. to "come through" with a word, so they have once more put the trouble on me, and it is trouble (?), but anything to please the children and worry the old folks, so here goes.

Work is slack here, but the few that are left get enough to keep soul and body together. Scabs seem to have plenty to do. It takes one of these scabs about three times as long to do a piece of work than it does one of our "cubs," and when it is done (or he claims to be through), it is completed in anything but a workmanlike way. We are still in existence, notwithstanding the fact that Lord Pettingill has spent his \$100,000, and another on top of it, to put us out of business.

These scabs here are such fine workmen.

Several days ago while two of them were taking down a cable-pole platform, Scab No. 1, on the pole, let it fall, striking a lady who happened to be passing at that moment on the head, causing her to lose her mind for several days and possibly injured her for life. Scab No. 2, a noble-hearted man, never as much as offered to assist her in any way.

Now, brothers, to my personal knowledge there was not a single accident anything like one-fourth as serious as this for four years previous to the beginning of the Texas strike. Why? Because the men who were doing the work knew how to do it; therefore, no accidents. It pays to work men that know their biz, and the Bell Co. can't get them, for they all have the blue label tied to their coat tail.

No. 72 wonders where Bro. "Tanglefoot" Dugger is, also Arthur Burge and "Poppy" Luker.

Hello, Joe Hodges! We miss you very much.

As time is short, and this missive has several miles to hobo to get to Bro. H. W. Sherman, I will stop.

C. F. MARRS,

Press Sec. Pro Tem.

Local Union No. 80.

Norfolk, Va., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I notice in the last Worker a letter published over the signatures of Red Likes and W. Broderick hitting at No. 131 for having a fence around her, but really aimed at No. 80 because they were put on the road and told to walk. These fellows, with several others that were here, may have been O. K., but as Happy Tom Davis says, they did not have the blue, nor anything else that would justify us in giving them a show. They were offered a job if they would put up the initiation fee of the local from which they were expecting cards. They were given one week to do this and agreed to do it, but after getting a few days' work they backed out. So we said, "Walk, you suckers, walk." Hereafter there will not be a show given to any one unless he has a good card or a letter from some secretary saying he is all right.

The greatest cause of so many brothers being on the road without cards is the con-founded carelessness and laziness of the secretaries in not promptly sending the cards asked for. Another thing that is wrong is to send a card chasing a brother to three or four places through the general delivery. Why not send it as personal mail to the financial secretary. Should the brother leave there before his card arrives he can tell the secretary where he is striking for so his card can be forwarded to the secretary there.

There is too much carelessness on the part of the secretaries and it makes many an innocent man suffer.

The boys in the yard got an increase of 32 cents per day, thus raising their pay to \$2.80.

No. 80 will give her first annual moon-light excursion on July 26th to the cape, returning the same evening.

C. W. BREEDLOVE.

Local Union No. 88.

Savannah, Ga., July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Greeting to all. We are doing business at the same old place, moving slowly. Last meeting elected and installed officers for the ensuing term.

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Our old president is our new president and he is all right, too, W. D. Claiborne.

Vice-Pres.—P. Griffin.

Fin. Sec.—H. Hamilton.

Rec. Sec.—Skales, of 84.

Treas.—E. J. McDonell,

Inspectors—G. Berill, Jr., and Ed. Dawson.

Foreman—Raines.

How do you like this; all good workers, every one except the treasurer.

Some of our boys had a grievance with the Edison Co. They placed a request before the superintendent asking for an increase of wages. There were only 4 of our men and two others. They merely asked for their consideration giving the company one week to consider. They only needed 24 hours, meaning that time after request was handed them. They have discharged Bro. Jones and informed the others they could work on for the same miserly pittance or quit. The men quit with the exception of one, a suspended brother, who has shown that he will not stick to his word or bond, for his signature on the appeal led the men to believe that he had a word. Suffice it to say, the men only asked for \$2.25 per day from \$1.75. Understand, they have just introduced the all day service, so if any of you boys want a 1000 volt job from sun to sun for \$1.75 why send on your application at once. You had better wire. I'm pleased to state all our brothers and friends secured work next day and not at pauper prices on undertakers' wires.

Say, you locals who have voted for the niggers, you should have been here and seen the niggers hustle for the vacancies and say, I'm told they are getting as much as \$1.50 per day. Oh, say, if you only had the nigger up where you could take him to your arms or cemetery, 88 would pay for the flowers. Oh, yes, they have again proven their worth. Satisfied with \$1.50; they would not even ask as much as our men dropped. Oh come, you locals who have voted for them, come to our sunny South and handle fruit of 1,000 volts at \$1.50 and stay awhile. I think you would join with me in singing "All coons look alike to me," and they are not fit for unions, especially our Brotherhood. Can't

be trusted, is the reason why we are agin 'em.

Bro. Jones left us for the east, and I'll say right here we have lost a good man; although the Edison people don't think so we have just the same. Good luck be with you, Jones, is the wish of Local 88. He has the green in sight and a good fellow. Treat him well who ever catches him.

It is hoped all hands will unite and help our president and his officers build 88 up. Say, Tampa, what is the trouble? Several of your boys are here without a green card and say the fault is yours.

The only supply house of any consequence here works nine hours and treats us fairly well. Bell and Georgia 'phones treat us fairly.

Have just returned from Florida where we have been for several months. Would have been there yet, only was called home to my baby girl, my only one, born last Saturday, who was taken sick and died, and all of you who know how to love a baby know what a loss I have sustained. We can only bow our heads and say "Thy will be done, O Lord."

Respectfully,

E. J. McDONNELL, Treas.

Local Union No. 98.

Philadelphia, Pa.; July 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

"The saddest words of tongue or pen are these, it might have been." On July 4th our baseball team journeyed to Frankford to attend a picnic held by Local 21 and also show them a few points about the national game, and by so doing win a silk banner. "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a'glee." After a long search and having fought our way through a herd of horses and crossing a creek we managed to find the picnic grounds guided by programmes strewn along the way, distributed no doubt by some bright brother to enable him to find the way out. After going to the dispensary and having our prescription filled we made an attempt to start the game when the rain began to fall, and fall it did in large juicy lumps. We waited for no invitation but made a break for cover, and on reaching it a bunch of picnickers showed us how easy it was to put 20 men and one lady in a 4x6 wagon (the

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only place of shelter) in the park. Presently the rain took a rest and we made another attempt to play ball and once again did the rain have an inning. Thoroughly disgusted and wet to the skin (outwardly), we started for home and when we reached the aforementioned stream on our return we found it to be a regular river and that somebody stole the bridge. We finally got across by maintaining our equilibrium on the slippery trunk of a tree that had fallen across the river. We finally reached the cars where a vote was taken which resulted in the opinion that Labor Lyceum park is a first class park to stay away from. The only accident of the day was that which befel Bro. Frank Lee, of Local 20, who in descending the pole in the climbing contest, fell and broke his back. The physicians at the hospital say he has a poor chance for his life.

The long-looked-for boom in the electrical business in this city has arrived at last and all the brothers, as far as can be learned, are at work.

I would like to say right here that now is the time for the brothers to pay up their back dues. Of course we all know that back board bills, rent, grocers' bills and the like must be paid, but at the same time it is well to remember that the local cannot exist on promises and hot air.

There are a few brothers in this local who think the office of business agent is a bed of roses, but if they held the office they would quickly change their mind. On an average he spends about eight hours of the 24 at home, the rest of the day being taken up by business of the local and the allied council of the building trades.

Bro. Andres, in his last month's letter, spoke of the case of the Plumbers' League vs. Allied Council Building Trades, the judge has not as yet made a ruling, so I am unable to report on it.

The delegates to the next convention will, I hope, find ways and means for the creation of a legal defense fund to be used for the defense of any local of the I. B. E. W. that may be in need of it, as it seems to be the proper caper for the employers to rush to the courts and pray for an injunction restraining the strikers from everything but breathing. Nothing of this kind has as yet occurred

to us, but the Lord only knows how soon it may, so it is well in time of peace to prepare for war.

A new national body was formed in this city last week when delegates from all over the country formed the Amalgamated Leather Workers' Union. It is believed that they will apply for admission to the American Federation of Labor.

It was reported at last Sunday's meeting of the United German Trades Union by a delegate from the Brotherhood of Carpenters that every local in this city will affiliate with the allied council of building trades. I hope to be able to confirm this report in my next letter.

Fraternally,

JAMES S. MEADE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 114.

Toronto, Can., July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

114 is O. K.; election all over. Work is fair and getting better every day. Our new officers are as follows:

Pres.—John A. Monean.

Vice-Pres.—A. A. Coomb.

Rec. Sec.—G. T. Dale.

Fin. Sec.—K. A. McRae.

Treas.—J. G. Scalley.

Foreman—F. Marson.

1st Inspector—J. A. Neal.

2d do. —J. B. Hancock.

Trustees—E. Latimer, C. H. Smart, G. T. Dale.

Wishing each and every local success, and promising better letters than this, my startoff, from

Yours fraternally,

KEN A. McRAE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 125.

Portland, Oregon, July 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At our last meeting, held July 2, we had such a hot time that we could not elect our officers. There was too much business to attend to. But we will elect them next meeting if we have to stay there all night. We cut in one new light to our circuit and have two applications for next meeting.

The inside wiremen of No. 125 were on their high horse and wanted more wages.

The Buildings Trades Council is thoroughly organized now and everything looks good for the present. Work is none too plentiful here at present. I am sorry I can't furnish more news. Will send the list of officers for the next publication.

P. S. pro tem.

New Orleans, La., July 7, 1901.

Well, here we are with flying colors. Strike won, all working, all terms agreed to; not a concession! How's that, brothers? Take your hats off to No. 130. Just thirteen months old and won the only complete victory in the history of the labor movement in New Orleans. Hurrah for the success which is our daily wish for our brothers all over the country and especially our sister state Texas. Keep good cheer, boys, victory will come to you too, though it may be hard to wait.

Agreement between Local No. 130, I. B.
E. W., parties of the first part, and
_____, parties of the second part.

Second—That we, the parties of the first part, shall receive 35 cents for each and every hour between the hours of 8 a. m. and 12 m. and 1 p. m. and 5 p. m., all other hours 52½ cents, except Sundays and legal holidays, for which the parties of the first part shall receive 70 cents per hour.

Fourth—Parties of the first part will consider any one who advertises as an electrical contractor having a place of business

Fifth--Any violation of Article 3 on part of parties of the first part shall be subject to a fine by Local No. 130, I. B. E. W., of \$5 for each and every offense.

Seventh—Any party of the first part being reported by parties of the second part for being under the influence of intoxicants while at work shall be fined \$5 for the first offense, \$10 for the second offense, and forfeiture of their card for the third offense, said forfeiture to remain in force unless parties reporting said workman ask for his reinstatement.

Ninth—The parties of the second part shall agree to submit all grievances to a board of arbitration composed of equal numbers of parties of the first and second parts.

(Signed) J. J. CAHILL,
W. M. TOLMAN.

For parties of the second part.

Now for the bouquets. We feel a deep sense of gratitude to Messrs. Cronin & Co. and J. Fred Jordy, who, on July 1st at 7 a. m., sent for our committee and signed the agreement in toto and asked for men to go to work at once. The committee gave them their choice, and Bros. Jack Kammerer and Wm. M. Tolman went to work for them and have been going ever since. Now, brothers, isn't it nice—two whole-souled contractors coming to the front and signing the agreement without a question.

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We further desire to thank Mr. J. Fred Jordy for his untiring efforts in the good cause and know his future success has been made. The writer has just learned that he has accepted the position of superintendent of construction for the New Orleans Co., who has just signed the agreement. We feel proud, Fred, and your actions show you to be a man of considerable forethought, and that same personal magnetism that drew you to us will always draw the members of this union toward you.

The committee deserves a world of thanks, for no one knows except those who have been through a strike how much work is attached to and how much depends upon their work to make it a success. The following brothers composed the committee from the issue of the ultimatum to the day of victory: Eugene Phillips of Local No. 1, P. C. Ryan, L. V. Lindsay, Wm. Tolman, Bower Spangenberg, J. J. Cahill, chairman, and Geo. W. Kendall, Jr., secretary, and our worthy president, T. G. Ziegler, was at headquarters all through the ordeal.

The committee found it necessary to open the charter, and an hour after the work commenced this old town was airtight, not a man outside of the ranks. Those of you who have been down to this old town draw a mind picture of Gravier street, between St. Charles and Camp, with that bunch flocking to headquarters to be obligated.

Just as the clocks were tolling the hour of victory (5 p. m., July 3d), in steps a ward politician who, thinking of a future campaign, tries to cop the glory of it all; but our committee was up in "Sarah's room" signing the agreement. Don't you think our stuff is as fine as silk and a full yard? We have lots of them in the Central body, even to their president, an A. F. of L. rep.

We organized a helpers' union about a month ago who now number about fifty. They have an A. F. of L. charter. The president, Harry Maroyne, called them all out in sympathy with No. 130 and they all came, and all the helpers who were not in joined the union and came out too. We feel we owe them a world of thanks for their assistance. No work could be done

and practically closed down all attempts at work.

One of our bunch has become a Benedict and promises to be a good soldier and place himself at the head of the infantry. Bro. Arthur Warner was married to Miss Adah Malligan on June 26th and No. 130 was there. "Such a time." The bunch from the National sent up a dinner set. Hope he will use it every day.

Well, brothers, in closing we wish to extend our sympathy to Mrs. T. G. Zeigler, our president's wife, and her family in their hour of sorrow in the loss of her father, Frank Boya, Sr., who was called to his Maker on Sunday, June 30th, at 12 m. He had a very large funeral and No. 130 was represented.

Here are our officers elected at our last meeting, to be installed on Wednesday, July 10th:

Pres.—Geo. W. Kendall, Jr.
Vice-Pres.—Thos. J. Hawkins.
Treas.—Charles Watzke.
Rec. Sec.—Wm. Fisher.
Fin. Sec.—Wm. M. Tolman.
Inspts.—Ed. Sullivan, C. C. Ryan.
Foreman—R. J. Frederic.
Press Sec.—T. G. Ziegler.

GEO. W. KENDALL, JR.,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 136.

Birmingham, Ala., July 10, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As there was no letter in the last Worker, I will try at this late date to get one in. We had our election of officers and the following were unanimously chosen:

Pres.—Geo. W. Brown.
Rec. Sec.—D. B. Freeman.
Fin. Sec.—E. A. Woodworth.
Treas.—F. C. Powell.
Trustees—E. L. Bowen, L. C. Zealey, Frank Gault.
Inspectors—W. H. Cotton, Jas. Arnold.
Foreman—Fred Carstensen.

There is plenty of work here and the boys are all doing well.

We have lost a few of our good members, Bro. J. S. Lewis, our former president, and Harry Smith going to Memphis, Tenn. We are getting track of some more of our boys and in my next I will try and tell who some are. Uncle Charlie Clayborn

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struck town with some good card men, also Abb Smith with some more, and it looks as if a ticket is a good thing. We are adding a few new lights and expect to do a good business in that line all the time.

Will all absent members of 136 look at your due cards and write me a few with a little piece of coin.

Well, I think it is time to cut it out, so will stop.

Yours fraternally,
E. A. WOODWORTH,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 170.

Findlay, O., July 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will now try to write a few lines to let the brothers know how we are getting along in Findlay. We are still working here, have quite a lot of work to do in this district and could use a few more men if they should come this way and have good cards.

Bros. Strangeman, Hovis, Pearson and others left here about three weeks ago for Mansfield, where they are going to build a plant for the Home Telephone Co. Bro. Strangeman has charge at Mansfield, so we all know it is going to be a good job, for Frank is a good fellow to work for, and I think he will have a lot of work to do in Mansfield.

Would like to say to George Hardy that your relative wrote to you from Streator, Ill., inquiring if you were here and they want you to write home.

This is a rather short letter, but will have a press secretary next month and then will probably get a good letter to the Worker. Hoping you will give this space in your valuable paper, I am

Fraternally yours,
H. J. SUTHERLAND,
Fin. Sec.

Local Union No. 176.

Joliet, Ill., June 22, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is getting around to the time for another letter to our newsy and reliable journal, which we all would rather read than our home paper or our Bible, and it is the most important part of our union work to

have a very encouraging letter every month. I have noticed that for a few numbers back we have had no letter at all, and as for saying they are too busy, it is not so. It is only negligence on the part of the P. S., and I know if he was interested in unionism as I am he would be delighted to spend a few leisure moments and write a letter.

You ought to see the good work we are doing in Joliet? We are taking in new members every meeting night. It makes me feel as in olden times when I belonged to the Salvation Army, and when I see them come in in a bunch I can hardly keep from saying "hallelujah," God bless the I. E. B. W.

There are a great many brothers here with traveling cards whom I will name: B. J. Dewere, 109, Rockland; Bro. Raleigh, No. 40, St. Joe; Mike Carroll, No. 2, St. Louis; L. Columbia, No. 61, Los Angeles; S. Faulkensteie, No. 61, Los Angeles; E. E. Burch, 140, Lansing; J. Prater, 109 Rock Island; L. M. Loring, 66, Houston; Harvey F. Ralinson, 99, St. Paul; Perl Blatchy, 149, Aurora; N. J. Kelly, 2, St. Louis; George J. S. Berry, 39, Cleveland, and there are about 25 more brothers who carry that precious green paper and we would like to have them come up and turn them over to No. 176. Take warning, brothers, for we will have to live up to the laws which are made for us.

We were delighted to have in our midst Bro. Maloney from Chicago. Talk about us boys? We are working for the Northwestern Tel. Co. getting \$2.75 per 8 hours, so we have no kick coming.

We were on strike fourteen days. Talk about union men; they would have stayed out all summer. We had a committee from Aurora to teach us the business, but we thanked them very highly and sent them home. We are too old heads.

We have changed our meeting night to every other Wednesday, in Building Trades Hall, Jefferson street, Joliet, Ill. Our sympathy is with all striking brothers.

Yours respectfully, P. S.

Local Union No. 178.

Canton, O., July 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Being a new hand at the switch, I fear in cutting in the circuit I may throw a spark, but in she goes.

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First in order I will give you a list of our new officers:

Pres.—D. McLellan.

Vice-Pres.—L. J. Barber.

Rec. Sec.—Jess Taylor.

Fin. Sec.—A. B. Cooley.

Treas.—R. Dwighell.

Foreman—L. J. Dunbar.

Inspector—John Mayne.

Press Sec.—Jas. Shane.

Trustees—Jess Taylor, Ralph J. Day, John Mayne.

Now, with these officers elected, we feel able to do business up to date. As for Canton, we are doing a steady, everyday business with the new company under the guidance of Bro. John Mayne as superintendent of construction, and any liners coming this way must be sure to bring an up-to-date ticket if they expect to be recognized. As to work, we have poles about all set and are about to start wire work. We have a real robust local, and are well represented in Alliance, Bro. Ralph Day being foreman of the work there. They are a cunning set of chaps, as they came over last meeting and drew prizes in being elected to several of our offices.

I will state that Alliance is under the same management as Canton. As a result of the earnest efforts of Supt. Mayne and the generosity of General Manager Geo. W. Walton, we are now enjoying a half holiday on Saturday with full pay. If this is the worst in the country we would like to be advised of the same.

Now, if the superintendent of the Canton Light and Power Co. knew I was writing under the flare of their lamps, I fear he would put the city in utter darkness. He seems to fear our presence, as we have been dragging our nets for him and his men but are unable to land them. We still find some material to work, as every member has his eyes open and an application blank in his pocket.

The worst suspense we have on our minds at present is Bro. Lon. Dunbar. He left us rather abruptly last Wednesday, appearing very reserved. Bro. Lon said he expected to spend the 4th of July with his parents in Dunkirk, N. Y. Some of the brothers are of the opinion that Bro. Lon. is fibbing, so they have collected one frying pan, one one-burner gasoline stove

and one chair to start him housekeeping.

Trusting this will find space, I will withdraw.

JAS. SHANE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 179.

Charleston, S. C., July 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I guess you will be surprised to hear from No. 179. We were duly organized in May, and I am proud to say we are pushing things with a vim and from the general outlook success is close at hand. All brothers are heart and hand in making our local a success. Judging from the patriotism displayed, I am certain we will have a large gang. We are now in our new hall and meet every Thursday night. We meet proper, by that I mean to say that business to be transacted is transacted in a thorough business way and all minute details are thoroughly tested so as to insure safety of handling without gloves.

There are a few lights in town which we will put on this circuit and then there will be a general rejoicing as we will be able to throw in the switch, knowing that the circuit is complete, but before we accomplish this it will require a larger sized wire to overcome the resistance which partly stares us in the face. Nevertheless there's an abundance of latent energy which will shortly present itself and with all working hard and earnest we will succeed in having 179 thoroughly insulated.

The boys of our local are a good jovial set and I would like, if space be kindly granted, to give our brothers an idea how bright the lights in our circuit glow.

Bro. W. L. Purse, our president, is a hummer, and much credit is due him in getting the boys together and repairing the circuit.

Bro. F. B. Kepp, our vice-president, is also a hustler, and we are expecting great things to happen shortly. By that I mean to say that Bro. Kepp will continue to improve the order and place it on a solid foundation.

Bro. J. J. Buero, our recording secretary, is a warm member and I am looking hourly to see him short-circuit something which will cause a few lights which shine so bright to blow back in the face. He's a

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hustler and I'm certain he will convert those scab 16 c. p. lights.

Bro. S. L. Welch, our treasurer. Well, Steve is a great boy and a hard worker; everybody knows Steve. He is an electrical "geni." He has just completed a fine piece of work, and that is a three-mile trolley extension running from city to exposition grounds. This work was completed in 28 days and it reflects credit on him and the men working under him. Steve has only been in the business about twenty years, graduating in all branches by pure, hard, constant work coupled with study and energy.

Bro. J. E. Nestor, financial secretary, is all right and he will some day carry a larger fuse.

Next Thursday we will have three candidates for the electric chair, and if the fuse holds the electricians at Sing Sing will hear something startling, as our chair will put victims across the glorious border in eight seconds. We will also endeavor to amuse all present as there will be three murders committed to amuse the crowd.

Now, in conclusion, I beg that all brothers extend their sympathy in writing to Bro. Buero. He is certainly deserving of sympathy—his mother-in-law was run over by a baby carriage, and when he goes home at night it's real lovable to see him caress her (nit).

Now, kind brother, my meter rent is on the increase; therefore I will cut out till next time.

Fraternally yours,
R. E. FLYNN,
Press Sec.

Has our organization gained any real benefits for our members, you ask? We answer, Yes. Not alone have the wages of thousands of our members been increased, but better still, their hours of labor have been shortened; they have more time to devote to their families and their homes, more time to devote to self-education through the means of the reform literature that is now within easy access of the humblest workman. True, while we have accomplished much, there yet remains many cities which, if organized at all, are but poorly so; and while we have succeeded in increasing the wage and shortening the hours in some of our large, well-organ-

ized cities, those cities and towns that are unorganized, or poorly so, are a constant menace, a veritable sword hanging over our heads threatening to drop every moment, so that though much has been accomplished in the past, we must still continue to fight, we must still use all our energy in thoroughly organizing all those districts where the organizer has not yet pointed out to the wage slave the path that will lead to his emancipation.

And now a glance into the future. The coming convention will perhaps have a greater responsibility upon its shoulders than any preceding one, and it will be called to meet with conditions that have never confronted any convention of our craft. New laws must be made that will protect our members under the ever-changing conditions of to-day. Laws that yesterday seemed perfectly adequate to protect us are to-day obsolete under the rapidly-changing conditions under which we labor. Upon the delegates to the coming convention will devolve the duty of preparing our organization to meet these rapid changes in the industrial world. Upon their actions and their ability will depend the future of our organization—whether we shall be progressive or otherwise.

Let us hope, then, that each and every delegate will endeavor to the best of his ability to legislate for the best interest of all.—Adapted from an Exchange.

THE OUT-OF-WORK MAN.

There are few things more apt to breed despair and bitterness than the seeking of the unemployed for work and not finding any. To tramp the streets day by day, to wait about in the corridors of buildings till the great man of the place has leisure to tell you he will remember you if anything turns up; and to answer advertisements by letter and in person; to come home night after night with the same hopeless words, "Nothing—no use trying," and yet to start out every day again, with the wonderful spark of hope still glimmering—all this is a terrible and trying thing. Did you ever experience it?—Exchange.

NOTICE.

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of Patrick Kenny, and connected with the Gold and Stock Exchange, New York City, and the Western Union Telegraph Co. Was last heard of 27 years ago, when he was employed in Connecticut. It will be to his advantage; or, if dead, any information regarding his heirs. Address Thos. J. Dooley, 96 Grand St., Albany, N. Y.

HUMMING OF THE WIRES.

Oh, the humming and the drumming of the telegraphic wires
Makes me think of countless demons, with their weird and ghostly cries;
And the rumbling and the grumbling in the stillness of the night,
Bearing forth imagination in wild confusion's flight.
In wild confusion's flight,
In the stillness of the night.

Like some unseen hidden monster in the glory of his might.

Now 'tis rolling in the distance like the murmuring of a storm,
Pitching up and down the hillside, devoid of shape or form;
Then roaring, then comes soaring, with concentrated force,
Down the mountain sides comes crashing a conglomerated course.

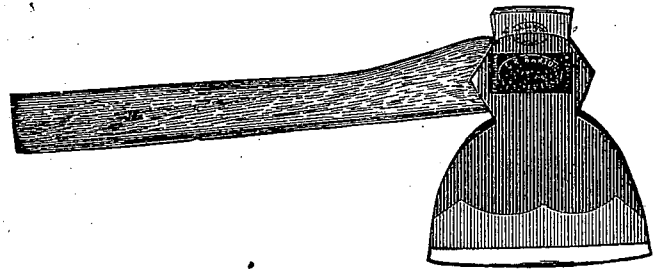
A conglomerated course,
With concentrated force,
Till it falls exasperated with a wail that's weak and hoarse.

Now 'tis rising, now 'tis falling, like a huge Æolian harp,
Like the rolling of the ocean on the day of Titan's march;
Like a flood of rushing waters, dashing down the canyon walls,

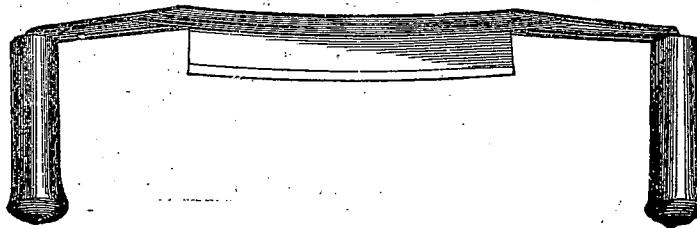


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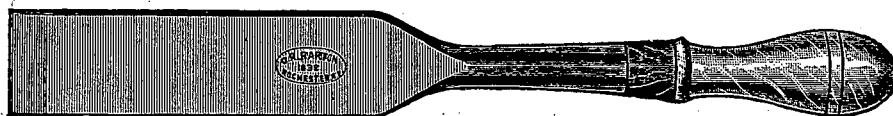


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Like the sighing of the hemlocks and the
murmuring water falls.

And the murmuring water falls,
Dashing down the canyon walls,

Like a maniacal giant, who with thunder-
ous murmur calls.

Like sweet music in the distance, vibrating
as it flows,

Like the chime of many cymbals, whose
echoes upward rolls;

Like the voice of hosts of singers, o'er the
plains so far away,

Like the murmuring of the breezes, like a
soft sweet summer lay.

Like a soft sweet summer lay
O'er the plains so far away,

Oh, with wondrous mighty cadence, do the
elements display.

How soothing to the spirit, with a tired and
ceaseless throb,

Bears you away to dreamland, the land of
peaceful nod.

Thus the wires as they are ringing and
singing in the night,

Comes fanciful vibrations, puts your spirit
into flight.

Puts your spirit into flight,
And singing in the night,

Bearing you away to the Fairies, whose
land is fair and bright.

—C. E. Nichols.

Summit of White Pass, B. C., April 12, 1901.

THE TURN OF THE TIDE.

You may fondle your fame, like a hunter
his game,

And exult in the roar and the rattle,
While the multitudes shout and the cannon
blaze out

The praise of the victor in battle;
But the victor will pine when the shoutings
subside,

And another will shine at the turn of the
tide.

You may garner your gain, like a farmer
his grain,

And boast of your bonds and your money;
You may gather your wealth by struggle or
stealth,

As gathers the bee its honey;
But your honey will pall in the heat of your
pride,
And turn into gall at the turn of the tide.

You may subjugate men, as swine to the
pen

By the rod of the tyrant are driven;
You may flourish the whip with a merciless
grip

But your fingers will fail, and the men you
deride

Will flourish the flail at the turn of the tide.

You may prosper by wrong, as tyrants, do
long,

And rule like a pitiless Nero;
And the truculent slave may lustily rave

In praise of his maculate hero;
But the tyrant will quail when the Judge
shall decide,

And the right will prevail, at the turn of
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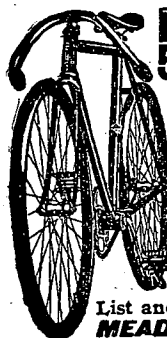
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*No. 70, Cripple Creek, Col.—Meets every Wednesday in Elect. Workers' Hall, Fairley & Lammman Blk. Pres., Martin Keeney; R. S., J. Lee Slemmons; F. S., E. P. Steen.

*No. 71, Quebec, Prov. of Que.—15th and last of month in President's Hall, 1 Boulevard Langelier. Pres., O. E. Legare, 1 Boulevard Langelier; R. S., Elzear L'Heureux, 82 Cote St. Georges; F. S., J. J. Fleming, 52 King st.

*No. 72, Waco, Tex.—Meets second and fourth Wednesday nights at McAbee Hall, 6th and Austin sts. Pres., C. C. Dixon, 514 S. 4th st.; R. S., Vici Berry, Hermerson, Tex.; F. S., J. E. Caple, 1018 N. 6th st.

*No. 73, Spokane, Wash.—2d and 4th Fridays in Eddy Hall, N. Monroe st. Pres., Eli Hensley, 218 Riverside st.; R. S., Robt. McClinchey, Norden Hotel; F. S., W. A. Davis, 0715 Jefferson st.

*No. 74, Winona, Minn.—2d and 4th Tuesdays in office of Supt. of Fire Alarms, City Bldg., Lafayette st. Pres., Sam Atmore, 463 Dakota st.; R. S., J. P. Fromm, 163 Vine st.; F. S., H. B. Kline, 510 Olmstead st.

*No. 75, Grand Rapids, Mich.—2d & 4th Wednesdays in C. L. U. hall, 34 Canal st. Pres., J. D. Hicks, 157 Turner st.; R. S., J. W. Maskell, 95 La-grave st.; F. S., C. E. Post, Gold and Sibley sts.

*No. 76, Tacoma, Wash.—1st and 2d Tuesdays in Foresters' hall, 11th st and Pacificav. Pres., J. E. Willis; R. S., C. E. Soul; F. S., C. L. Whitley, 920 A st.

*No. 77, Seattle, Wash.—Every Monday in Odd Fellows' Hall, 2318 First ave. Pres., S. H. Metcalf, Barker Hotel, 1207 1st ave.; R. S., Dan'l Sullivan, 315 Columbia st.; F. S., Geo. W. Walters, 222 Sixth ave. North.

*No. 78, Chicago, Ill.—2d and 4th Friday in Fitzgerald's hall, cor Halsted and Adams sts. Pres., G. W. LeVin, 1551 Carroll av; R. S., Wm T. Tonner, 1479 W. Ohio st; F. S., George H. Foltz, 423 Jackson Bldg.

*No. 79, Syracuse, N. Y.—1st and 4th Thursdays in Listman's Hall, 122 N. Salina st. Pres., Daniel Cambridge, 306 Harrison st.; R. S., J. P. Hayes, 1713 W. Genesee st.; F. S., V. S. Whitney, W. Onondaga st.

*No. 80, Norfolk, Va.—Tuesdays at 268 Main st., 3d floor, over Vickery's Book Store. Pres., A. E. Seibert; R. S., R. J. Gourley, P. O. Box 232; F. S., J. A. Kiley, P. O. Box 232.

*No. 81, Scranton, Pa.—2d and 4th Thursdays in K. of Malta Hall, 316 Washington ave. Pres., H. V. Stock, 405 Wyoming ave.; R. S., Wm. T. Sproats, 213 N. Bromley ave.; F. S., E. B. Archibald, 1112 Lafayette st.

*No. 82, Binghamton, N. Y.—Meets 1st and 3d Saturdays, C. L. U. hall, State st. Pres., G. Milks, 78 DeRussey st; R. S., L. W. Thompson, 63 St. John's ave.; F. S., Art E. Seymour, 1 Sturgess st.

*No. 83, Milwaukee, Wis.—Every Friday, cor 3d and Prairie sts. Pres., Nick Daleiden, 839 36th st.; R. S., J. D. Mack, Box —, Wauwatosa, Wis.; F. S., O. Walloth, 567 Clinton st.

*No. 84, Atlanta, Ga.—Meets every Thursday 7:30 p. m. in Fed of Trades hall, 14½ N. Forsyth st. Pres., W. R. Johnson, 112 Kirkwood ave.; R. S., C. F. McBriord, So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.; F. S., B. L. Martin, 322 W. 5th st.

*No. 85, Augusta, Ga.—1st and 3d Sundays in Kidwell Hall, 15th st. and May ave. Pres., H. E. Edenfield, 915 15thst.; R. S., Jack Miner, 1131 Miller st.; F. S., G. W. Taylor, 1144 Broad st.

*No. 86, Rochester, N. Y.—2d and 4th Tuesday in room 24, Durand bldg., 58 W. Main st. Pres., J. Gueinot, 120 Campbell st.; R. S., L. Weiner, 204 Fulton ave.; F. S., A. Denniston, 3 Baldwin st.

*No. 87, Newark, N. J.—Every Friday at 37 Market st. Pres., M. J. Breslin, 58 Center st., Orange, N. J.; R. S., Wm. McDonough, 22 Washington st., Belleville, N. J.; F. S., J. Snyder, 100 Bank st.

*No. 88, Savannah, Ga.—1st and 3d Tuesdays in Elks' Hall, Broughton and Whitaker sts. Pres., W. D. Claborne, 424 State st. east; R. S., R. P. Jones, Box 316; F. S., H. H. Hamilton, 314 Hull st. W. Address all Local 88 mail to P. O. Box 316.

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*No. 89, Akron, O.—1st and 3d Thursday nights of each month in Bricklayers' Hall, Main street. Pres., O. Scheck, 170 S. Howard st.; R. S., M. M. Castor, 403 S. Forge st.; F. S., Otto Welker, 133 Bowery st.

*No. 90, New Haven, Ct.—Meets every Saturday in Forester's Hall, 781 Chapel st. Pres., F. J. Horan, 247 Lombard st.; R. S., C. J. Haggerty, 40 Franklin st.; F. S., W. J. Dobbs, 14 Washington ave.

*No. 91, Easton, Pa.—1st and 3d Sunday afternoons in Jr. O. U. A. M. M. hall, cor. 7th and Northampton sts. Pres., Patrick Lee, S. 5th st.; R. S., Geo. Van Billiard, 915 Spruce st.; F. S., Edwin Welch, 123 South 4th st.

*No. 92, Hornellsville, N. Y.—F. S., B. F. Watt, 17 James st.

*No. 93, Ottawa, Ont.—2d and 3d Thursdays in C. O. F. Hall, Sessux st. Pres., Wm. Roy, Hull, Que.; R. S., S. R. McDonald, 193 Broad st.; F. S., E. Demers, 75 St Andrews st.

*No. 94, San Diego, Cal.—1st and 3d Mondays in Council of Labor Hall, 5th st., between F and G sts. Pres., Harry D. Parsons, 843 5th st.; R. S., E. C. Bangs, care S. D. Gas & Elec. Co.; F. S., W. D. care S. D. Elec. Ry. Co.

*No. 95, Joplin, Mo.—Every Tuesday in Labor Union hall, 2d and Main sts. Pres., H. D. Ferguson; R. S., Chas. Nelson; F. S., Jas. Foster, 723 Virginia ave.

*No. 96, Worcester, Mass.—Meets every Monday evening in room 19, 387 Main street. Pres., S. A. Strout, 72 Russell st.; R. S., F. G. Newell, 36 Pleasant st.; F. S., Geo. L. Call, 176 Pleasant st.

*No. 97, Mt. Vernon, O.—1st and 3d Sundays, 3 p. m. National Union Hall, S. Main st. Pres., J. P. Belt, 607 W. Gambier st.; R. S., J. C. Jacobs, 203 Coshocton ave.; F. S., Harry Weaver, 216-218 W. Main st.

*No. 98, Philadelphia Pa.—Every Tuesday in Odd Fellows' Temple, Room E, Broad and Cherry sts. Pres., Louis S. Fowler, 332 N. 52d st.; R. S., C. W. Elliott, 2320 Van Pelt st.; F. S., Louis F. Spence, 1538 Mantion st.

*No. 99, Providence, R. I.—Meets 1st and 3d Mondays in Odd Fellows' Hall, 27 N. Main st. Pres., Wm. E. Sedgley, 4 Ringold st.; R. S., E. W. Judson, 225 Friendship st.; F. S., H. C. Riley, 179 Harrison st., Pawtucket, R. I.

*No. 100, Jacksonville, Fla.—Pres., Geo. P. Allen, Jacksonville Tel. Co.; F. S., S. B. Kitchen, Johnson Law Co.

*No. 101, Brockton, Mass.—Every 2d and 4th Friday in Cutters' Hall, Main st. Pres., John McNeil, 35 Ward st.; R. S., William G. Schneider, Lock Box 450, North Abington, Mass.; F. S., A. H. Camron, 38 Joslyn's court.

*No. 102, Paterson, N. J.—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesday in Loomfixers' and Twisters' Hall, Church and Market sts. Pres., E. J. Clancy, 453 11th ave.; R. S., V. Graglia, 296 Market st.; F. S., R. Bennett, 21 17th ave.

*No. 103, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in St. Andrews Hall, Wells Memorial Bldg. Pres., Wm. J. Joyce, 78 E. Canton st.; R. S., J. J. McLaughlin, 213 Manerick st, E. Boston; F. S., Ernest H. Chase, 19 Allston sq, Allston.

*No. 104, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in Machinists' hall, 987 Washington st. Pres., J. A. McInnis, 97 Pine st., Cambridge, Mass.; F. S., D. J. Burnett, 280 E st.

*No. 105, Hamilton, Ont.—2d and 4th Thursdays in Trades and Labor Hall, 17 Main st. east. Pres., B. Bristol, 169 Jackson st. East; R. S., Alex McBean, 18 Kennell st; F. S., A. Green, 252 Mary st.

*No. 106, Jamestown, N. Y.—2d and 4th Thursdays in Central Labor hall, 14-16 East 3d st. Pres., J. W. Woodburn, Lakewood, N. Y.; R. S., K. W. Spencer, 214 Fulton st.; F. S., A. H. Sheean, 213 Fulton st.

*No. 107, Louisville, Ky.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in Reeb's Union Hall, 516 5th st. Pres., Ed. Grunwald, 2721 Bank st.; R. S., Horace B. Kincaid, 1413 15th st.; F. S., Wm. H. Smith, 813 Jackson st.

*No. 108, Tampa, Fla.—1st and 3d Saturdays in I. O. O. F. Hall, Easley Bldg., Franklin st. Pres., J. L. Brown, Lafayette st.; R. S., J. F. Vaughan, 904 Swigg st.; F. S., W. R. Clarke, 1907 Nebraska ave.

*No. 109, Rock Island, Ill.—1st and 3d Tuesdays in Industrial Home Bldg., 3d Ave. and 21st st. Pres., Chalmer Scarth, 710 W. 3d st., Davenport, Ia.; R. S., H. F. Mikey, 1040 W. 3d st., Davenport, Ia.; F. S., F. C. Garwood, 511 W. 4th st., Davenport, Ia.

*No. 110, Pensacola, Fla.—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Trades Council hall, 23 W. Government st. Pres., P. R. Pearl, Gen'l Delivery; R. S., A. L. Stanley, care of "News"; F. S., A. Hearn, So. Tel. & Tel. Co.

*No. 111, Honolulu, Hawaii—Pres., Chas. McManus, care of Honolulu Elec. Ltg. Co.; R. S., R. E. Frickey; F. S., W. McChesney.

*No. 112, Watertown, N. Y.—Every Tuesday in Doolittle & Hall Bldg., Room 12. Pres., E. Hazel, 20 Binose st.; R. S., H. A. McCaugherty, 1 A Park st.; F. S., R. M. Richardson, 17 Mechanic st.

*No. 113, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Meets every Thursday, Lather's Hall, cor. Huerland and Tejon. Pres., W. H. Ralston, 118 E. Rio Grand; R. S., H. T. Paschal, KuKui st.; F. S., D. C. Walsh, 512 So. Cascade ave.

*No. 114, Toronto, Can.—Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in Richmond hall, W. Richmond st. Pres., John A. Mongeau, 132 Spruce st.; R. S., George T. Dale, 54 Muir ave.; F. S., Ken. A. McRae, 102 W. King st.

*No. 115, Austin, Tex.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturdays in Carpenter's Union Hall, over 706 Cong. ave. Pres., T. E. Mason, 709 Cong. ave.; R. S., B. F. McKaughan, 1504 Sabine st.; F. S., B. F. McDonald, 200 E. 16th st.

*No. 116, Los Angeles, Cal.—Every Tuesday in Fraternal hall, 534 1/2 So. Spring st. Pres., H. R. Dunlap, 1106 W. Jefferson st.; R. S., H. V. Eaton, 1106 W. Jefferson st.; F. S., F. D. Stevenson, 924 Towne ave.

*No. 117, Temple, Tex.—Pres., H. H. Allen, Lock Box 335; R. S., A. E. Hancock, 506 S. 11th st.; F. S., H. S. Newland, 515 W. Central ave.

*No. 118, Dayton, O.—2d and 4th Mondays in Gorman Hall, Jefferson st., near 5th. Pres., J. W. Hott, 2 Stanley st.; R. S., O. R. Rodgers, 245 Conover st.; F. S., V. Chamberlin, 1537 W. 5th st.

*No. 119, New Bedford, Mass.—Pres., C. McLeod; R. S., A. Gothers; F. S., N. H. Davis, 262 Arnold st.

*No. 120, London, Ont.—Meets 1st and 3d Fridays in Labor Hall, cor. Dufferin ave. and Maitland st. Pres., James G. Rushton, 332 York st.; R. S., Thos. Sproat, 83 George st.; F. S., Augustin Aljovin, 62 Dundas st.

*No. 121, Denver, Col.—Every Thursday at Gettysburg bldg., 1744 Champa st. Pres., A. J. McMullen, 2921 Curtis st.; R. S., W. H. Brown, 75 W. Bayard; F. S., B. B. Flack, cor. 3400 Franklin st., Room 17.

*No. 122, Great Falls, Mont.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in Union Hall. Pres., L. E. Woodworth, 1402 5th ave. N.; R. S., and F. S., M. Potee, 610 2d Ave. S.

*No. 123, Wilmington, N. C.—Every Monday in National Bank bldg., Front and Princess sts. Pres., E. B. Burkimer, So. Bell Tel. Co.; R. S. and F. S., John T. Yates, 616 S. 5th st.

*No. 124, Galveston, Tex.—Meets 2d and 4th Fridays in Cooks' and Waiters' Hall, 23d st., bet. Market and Mecham sts. Pres., G. L. Garrett, 909 21st st.; R. S., Wm. Klaus, 3801 Ave. K; F. S., D. H. Morris, 2019 Ave. K.

*No. 125, Portland, Ore.—Every Tuesday in Eagle's Hall, 2d Yamhill. Pres., E. H. Parker, 105 North 12th st.; R. S., H. A. Circle, 771 Gleason st.; F. S., Aug. Flemming, 211 Harrison st.

*No. 126, Little Rock, Ark.—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays in Labor Temple. cor. Main and Markham sts. Pres., A. D. McConnell, Elec. Construction Co.; R. S., C. M. Milham, 518 La. st.; F. S., R. L. Crutchfield, care L. R. Tel. Co.

*No. 127, Battle Creek, Mich.—Every Friday in Labor Hall. Pres., Don Cole. Citizens Elect. Co.; R. S., Fred Fellows, Battle Creek Elect. Lt. Co.; F. S., Arthur Robinson, No. 1 Fire Station.

*No. 128, Alton, Ill.—Meets every Monday in Miller's Hall, Second and Piasa sts. Pres., Edgar Rice, Second and Albany sts.; R. S. and F. S., Geo. E. Burton, Second and Albany sts.

*No. 129, St. Joseph, Mo.—Meets every Saturday at 215½ So. 6th st., Room 5, 2d floor. Pres., R. C. Hughes, Columbian Elect. Co.; R. S., Fred Miller, 215½ So. 6th st.; F. S., E. McComac, 217 So. 6th st.

*No. 130, New Orleans, La.—Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in P. O. S. A. Hall, Carondelet st., near Perdido. Pres., Thomas G. Ziegler, 723 Dryades st.; R. S., L. V. Lindsey, 1003 Elysian Field ave.; F. S., Wm. Graner, Baronne and Felicity sts.

*No. 131, Columbia, S. C.—Every Wednesday night in K. P. Hall. Pres., P. G. Loomis, Congaree Hotel. R. S., J. N. Chambers, 923 Gervais st.; F. S., D. Camp, 1015 Lady st.

*No. 132, South Bend, Ind.—Pres., J. E. Perry, 216 Sadie ave.; R. S., C. H. Sommers, Central Fire Sta.; F. S., Jay O. Young, 1014 S. Lafayette st.

*No. 133, Detroit, Mich.—Meets every Wednesday night at 252 Beaubien st. Pres., F. A. Walton, 1357 18th st.; R. S., J. A. Sherratt, 295 W. Canfield ave.; F. S., H. D. Chapman, 521 Champlain st.

*No. 134, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Tuesday, Room 61, 126 E. Washington st. Pres., Harry McKenzie, 324 Webster ave.; R. S., F. B. Davisson, 2728 Wabash ave.; F. S., Wm. Cleff, 319 Lincoln ave.

*No. 135, Trenton, N. J.—Meets every Monday in Morris May Bldg., S. W. cor. Broad and State sts. Pres., John M. Clary, cor. Dey and Clinton ave.; R. S., Wilbur Dorsett, 26 Cumberland ave.; F. S., J. H. Brister, 50 Founton ave.

*No. 136, Birmingham, Ala.—Meets every Tuesday in Dunker's Hall, 20th st. and 2d alley. Pres., Geo. W. Brown, City Hotel; R. S., D. B. Freeman, O'Brien House; F. S., E. A. Woodworth, So. Bell Tel. Co.

*No. 137, Albany, N. Y.—Every Sunday, 1 p. m., Labor Temple, Pearl and Beaver sts. Pres., Edward J. Landy, 80 Trinity pl.; R. S., M. E. McGraw, 10 Lodge st.; F. S., L. Cummings, 81 Franklin st.

*No. 138, Ft. Wayne, Ind.—Meets every Thursday, 68 Clinton st., 3d floor. Pres., M. B. Larimer, Room 28, Bank Block; R. S., H. C. Eckels, 55 Riverside ave.; F. S., S. W. Bell, 72 W. Williams st.

*No. 139, Elmira, N. Y.—1st and 3d Mondays. Pres., H. D. Pitcher, 505 Baldwin st.; R. S., Bro. Georgia.

*No. 140, Schenectady, N. Y.—Every Saturday in Carpenter's Hall, State st. Pres., Wm. L. Rapp, 18 River st.; R. S., Geo. H. Flansburgh, 304 State st.; F. S., Henry Shannon, 120 N. College st.

*No. 141, Pittsburg, Kan.—1st and 3d Thursdays in Schieferbines Hall, cor. 6th st. and Broadway. Pres., T. F. Cole; R. S., Paul Mattingly, Lock Box No. 20; F. S., Ed. Emery, 1202 N. Joplin ave.

*No. 142, Wheeling, W. Va.—Every Friday night in Trabert & Vogt's Hall, Market st., bet. 17th and 18th. R. S., Geo. J. Knittle, 67 S. Broadway, Island; F. S., Edward Johnston, 3207 Chapline st.

*No. 143, Conneaut, O.—Last Sunday of each month in Elk Hall, Harbor and State sts. Pres., Chas. Deyo, Conneaut, O.; R. S., Omer Andrews, Ashtabula, O.; F. S., Mott Hill, Conneaut, O.

*No. 144, Wichita, Kan.—Meets every Tuesday night at 255 N. Main st. Pres., C. W. Stimson, 230 N. Main st.; R. S., H. M. Smith, 539 N. Water st.; F. S., T. L. Roberts, 450 N. Hydraulic ave.

*No. 145, Saginaw, Mich.—Every Wednesday in Engineers' Hall, Washington and Franklin aves., on Genesee ave., 3d floor. Pres., F. H. Friant, 405 Genesee ave.; R. S., John Strachan, 1619 Johnson st.; F. S., Joseph Irwin, Marshall House.

*No. 146, Bridgeport, Conn.—Every Friday in Sons of Veterans' Hall, 955 Main st. Pres., John Holtz, 528 Noble ave.; R. S., E. M. Botsford, 106 Hicks st.; F. S., J. F. Pelan, 172 Laurel ave.

*No. 147, Anderson, Ind.—2d and 4th Fridays in Bricklayers' Hall, Main st. Pres., J. A. Deewester, care C. U. Tel. Co.; R. S., Bert Markle, 119 W. Monroe st.; Alexandria, Ind.; F. S., J. E. Clone, 1605 Jefferson st.

*No. 148, Washington, D. C.—Every Monday in K. of P. Hall, 425 12th st. N. W. Pres., O. E. Lewis, 807 8th st. N. W.; R. S., I. H. Ware, 65 New York ave. N. E.; F. S., M. E. Brandenburg, 517 11th st. S. W.

*No. 149, Aurora, Ill.—Wednesdays following 1st and 15th of month, in Loser's Hall, N. River st. Pres., John Glennon, Box 37; R. S., John Roop, 546 Lafayette st.; F. S., J. E. Millhouse, 23 N. Broadway.

*No. 150, Bay City, Mich.—2d and 4th Tuesday, in A. O. U. W. Hall, cor. Center and Adams sts. Pres., Chas. Crampton, 201 Adams st.; R. S., W. D. Parker, Essexville, Bay Co., Mich.; F. S., J. M. Ferguson, 614 Adams st.

*No. 151, San Francisco, Cal.—Every Monday, Hall 10, 102 O'Farrell, near Stockton st. Pres., A. C. Johnson, 736 O'Farrell st.; R. S., C. L. Atwater, 20 Lexington ave., near 18th st.; F. S., P. McSwegan, 56½ Devisadero.

*No. 152, Ft. Scott, Kan.—1st and 3d Wednesdays evenings in B. of L. F. Hall, 701 E. Main st. Pres., Jas. Runkle, 701 National ave.; R. S., C. E. Kitchen, 624 S. Clark st.; F. S., W. S. Craighead, 24 N. Judson.

*No. 153, Galveston, Tex.—1st and 3d Mondays, Carpenters' Hall, 21st and Market sts. Pres., F. A. Bauscus, 1423 M st.; R. S., F. Peters, 1617 H st.; F. S., R. Appel, 3610 Q ½ st.

*No. 154, Cleveland, O.—1st and 3d Fridays in O'Donnell's Hall, 89-91 Prospect st. Pres., Martin Durkin, 328 Waverly ave.; R. S., Wm. Rielley, 11 Sibley st.; F. S., Chas. Ruttle, 25 Norwich st.

*No. 155, Oklahoma City, O. T.—Friday night in Labor Hall, Opera House Block, corner Grand and Robinson. Pres., J. M. Thompson, Box 92; R. S., J. H. McIlvain, 329 California ave.; R. S., C. A. Parks, 111 Broadway.

*No. 156, Ft. Worth, Tex.—1st and 3d Wednesdays in Board of Trade Hall, cor. 7th and Houston sts. Pres., Marlin Doscher, Malcolm and Percy sts.; R. S., O. S. Haw, 205 E. Bluff st.; F. S., C. F. Crabtree, 703 Samuels ave.

*No. 157, Greater New York.—R. S., L. Hoils, 777 Alton ave.

*No. 158, Chicago, Ill.—Pres., Thomas A. Schwig; R. S., H. A. Bestop, 1429 Michigan ave., Flat F; F. S., C. D. Brock.

*No. 159, Madison, Wis.—Meets 2d Friday of month in Labor Hall, State st. Pres., Jesse Rubey; R. S., H. W. Schroeder, 448 W. Wash. ave.; F. S., Hiram Nelson, 9 S. Broom st.

*No. 160, Zanesville, O.—Every Saturday in Rechabite's hall, Maginnis Block, 5 st. Pres., John M. Smith; R. S., L. G. Winks, Sherman House; F. S., J. T. Hanrahan, 443 Ridge ave.

*No. 161, Dansville, Ill.—F. S., L. E. Henry, 107 N. Hazel st.

*No. 162, Omaha, Neb.—Every Tuesday night in Lincoln Hall, 6th and Pierce sts. Pres., S. A. Birkhaus, 422 South 18th st.; R. S., W. N. Ramey, 2019 Leavenworth st.; F. S., F. Johnans, 422 S. 18th st.

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*No. 163, Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Pres., Chas. Wiggins, 335 South st.; R. S., H. Krum, 15 W. Holland st.; F. S., Jas. Wallon.

*No. 165, Newport News, Va.—Meets every other Tuesday evening in Patterson Bldg., cor. 32d street and Washington ave. Pres., T. T. Adkins, 554 29th st.; R. S., R. A. Jordon, 1037 23d st.; F. S., J. M. Richardson, 210 34th st.

*No. 166, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.—2d and 4th Thursdays in month at Trades Hall, corner Market and Main sts. Pres., W. Girard, 114 Hallett st.; R. S., J. W. Stewart, 524 Dufferin ave.; F. S., J. W. Johnston, 47 Martha st.

*No. 167, Bowling Green, Ohio.—Pres., Otis Mollencup; R. S., F. E. Morris; F. J., John Brown.

*No. 168, Mobile, Ala.—Every Tuesday in Cathedral Hall, Conti st, bet Jackson and Clairborn. Pres., J. C. Cutts, per Bell Tel. Co.; R. S., Felix Meloncon, 304 Palmetto st.; F. S., R. A. Savage, 758 Augusta st.

*No. 169, Fresno, Cal.—F. S., R. H. Stanford, 615 K st.

*No. 170, Findlay, Ohio.—Pres., J. White; R. S., D. McKay; F. S., H. F. Sutherland, Home Telephone Co.

*No. 171, Ypsilanti, Mich.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in K. of P. Hall, 204 Congress st. Pres., H. L. Hunt, 217 S. Adams st.; R. S., R. L. Fraser, 614 W. Congress st.; F. S., R. E. Darling, 212 N. Hamilton st.

*No. 172, Newark, Ohio.—Pres., Lee Beagle, 28 Jefferson st.; R. S., W. Horn, 357 Stanbury st.; F. S., J. C. Stewart, Citizens' Light & Power Co.

*No. 173, Ottumwa, Ia.—Pres., S. D. Anderson; F. S., H. M. Murry, 334 2d st.

*No. 174, Mansfield, O.—F. S., H. L. Barr, 535 N. Bowman st.

*No. 175, Lowell, Mass.—1st and 3d Tuesdays at 103 Central st. Pres., G. E. Thomas, 207 Appleton st.; R. S., J. Barrett, 22 Abbott st.; F. S., A. Anderson, 37 Elm st.

*No. 176, Joliet, Ill.—Tuesday nights in Laughran hall, Chicago and Cass sts. Pres., H. B. Travis; R. S., Tom Honan, 605 N. East ave.; F. S., Wm. Searls, 406 3d ave.

*No. 177, Streator, Ill.—F. S., O. Walloth.

*No. 178, Canton, O.—Every Monday night in Union Hall, 115 N. Piedmont st. Pres., J. D. McLeilan, 311 S. Wells st.; R. S., J. C. Taylor, 1503 W. Tuscarawas st.; F. S., A. B. Cooley, 909 W. 4th st.

*No. 179, Charleston, S. C.—2d and last Friday in Irish Volunteers' hall, Vanderhaus st near King. Pres., W. L. Purse; R. S., J. J. Buero, 17 Inspection st; F. S., J. E. Nestor.

*No. 180, Vallejo, Cal.—1st and 3d Thursdays. Pres., Geo. W. Brouillet; F. S., G. D. Dickey, 10 Linden House.

*No. 181, Utica, N. Y.—Pres., Wm. Brigham; F. S., E. Keeler, 47 Blandina st.

*No. 182, Montreal, Can.—1st and 3d Mondays of month in York Chambers, 2444 A St. Catherine st. Pres., J. Dorais, 794 Dorchester st.; R. S., J. C. Green, 91 University st.; F. S., E. Hodgson, 40 Latour st.

*No. 183, Lexington, Ky.—Every Wednesday in Jr. O. U. A. M. hall, 22 W. Main st. Pres., Chas. Royse, 452 N. Limestone st.; R. S., E. A. Ebersole, 193 E. Main st.; F. S., J. N. Mullen, N. Limestone st.

*No. 184, Galesburg, Ill.

*No. 185, Boston, Mass.—Pres., A. Y. Laidlaw, 34 Crescent ave., Dorchester, Mass.; R. S., E. W. Chamberlin; F. S., J. W. Head, 71 Hudson st., Somerville, Mass.

*No. 199, St. Louis, Mo.—1st Sunday, 2 P. M., Lightstone's Hall, No. 2, Eleventh and Franklin ave. Pres., J. G. McCarthy, 5612 Penna. ave.; R. S., B. J. Holland, 220 S. 14th st.; F. S., T. F. Lapping, 3925 McRee ave.

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